

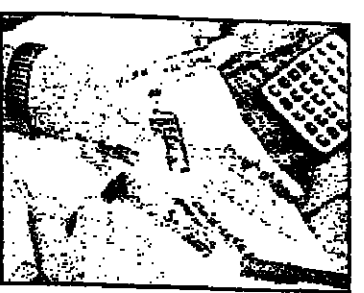
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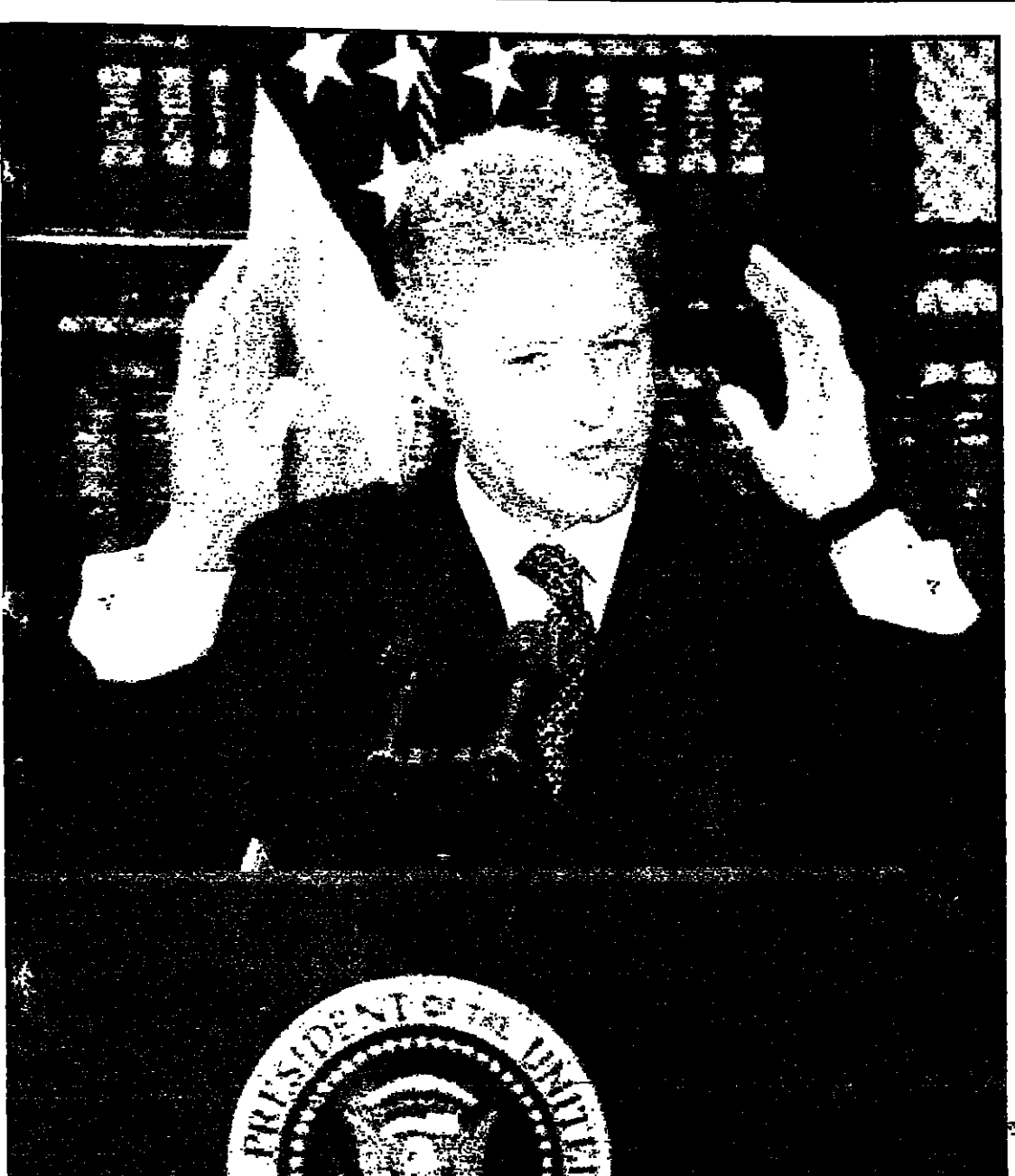
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US President Bill Clinton speaks at the White House yesterday. (AP)

Starr report to appear on the Internet today

By HILLEL KUTTNER and news agencies

WASHINGTON - Just 48 hours after receiving independent counsel Kenneth Starr's report on President Bill Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, the House of Representatives will release it to the public today on the Internet.

Legislation allowing the release to proceed was expected to be passed last night or early today. The Internet address is <http://www.house.gov/icreport>.

The Republican leadership was resisting White House pressure to allow the president to review the report and respond to it before it is released to the public.

Clinton's lawyer David Kendall and White House counsel Charles Ruff went to Capitol Hill to make the appeal personally to House Judiciary Committee chairman Henry Hyde, who is in charge of handling potential impeachment hearings.

US stocks were hammered yesterday by growing concerns that Clinton will resign or be impeached as a result of the scandal. The Dow Jones industrial average ended off 249.48 points, or almost 3.2 percent, at 7,615.54.

"This is just another emotional reaction," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

"Whether you like him or not, Clinton has been good for Wall Street. The notion he is not going to be president is troublesome."

Clinton met with Democratic leaders at the White House for the second consecutive day to express his contrition and apologies for engaging in the affair with Lewinsky.

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Clinton said later that he had asked the senators for "their understanding" and urged them "to not let the events of the moment deter them from the work of the country."

Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle told reporters after the meeting that the House ought to accede to the president's request to review the report before its public release.

"In addition to cooperation on the president's part, we need fairness on the part of Congress," Daschle said. "This country needs the president to devote his energy and his leadership to international and domestic matters that need his attention in the months ahead."

The Republican leadership continued to take the high road on the matter of the Starr report and the possible allegations of illegal actions and misconduct against Clinton.

Speaker Newt Gingrich said that personal attacks against the president on the House floor would not be tolerated, and urged his colleagues not to jump to conclusions before the facts come out.

"Every American is better served... if we slow down and take a deep breath," Gingrich stated.

In an interview on CNN, Lawrence Walsh, the independent counsel who investigated the Reagan administration's involvement in the Iran-Contra deal, said that the report "should be made public, otherwise there's a danger of leaks."

He also said it would be a "very fair move" for Clinton to be shown the report prior to its release. But at this point, he said, the White House is probably fully aware of the report's likely contents and "I can assume they'll have their responses ready."

Sources familiar with the report, said it contains allegations that Clinton committed perjury, obstruction of justice, witness tampering, and abuse of power.

The report specifically alleges that Clinton lied under oath both in his sworn deposition in the Paula Jones lawsuit in January and again in his grand jury testimony last month, when he was questioned about his relationship with Lewinsky, these sources said.

Beyond the 445-page report, an additional 2,000 pages of material from Starr will be reviewed within a matter of days by House Judiciary Committee officials to see what can be released without jeopardizing the reputation of "innocent people," Hyde said.

Democratic response to the report over the next several days will be crucial to Clinton's survival in office. If significant numbers of members of his own party are persuaded to call for his removal, the chances of his impeachment will rise.

There was no sign of quit from Clinton or his aides. The president himself continued an extraordinary series of personal apologies over his relationship with Lewinsky.

Clinton called his meeting with Senate Democrats "a part of this process I'm going through of talking to people... to ask for their understanding, their forgiveness, and their commitment not to let the events of the moment in Washington deter us from doing the people's work here."

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Yeltsin names Primakov as compromise Russian PM

By DANNA HARMAN and news agencies

Russian President Boris Yeltsin named a compromise candidate for prime minister yesterday, defusing a dangerous power struggle by naming a man who should win swift approval in the hostile parliament.

Yet his choice, Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, has little economic experience to help him face a nation impatient for a way out of the morass.

Yeltsin's decision to put Primakov at the head of a new government was well received by most opposition politicians and had a calming effect on a country buffeted by political feuding and economic collapse.

Primakov, a former KGB chief, could be confirmed in parliament as early as today.

He will need to quickly assemble



Yevgeny Primakov (AP)

support. Common sense has prevailed in our state," said Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who spearheaded the opposition to Viktor Chernomyrdin, the previous candidate.

In Washington, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the US government "knows and respects" Primakov. "We would expect to have a good and close working relationship."

In Russia's battered markets, the ruble strengthened for a second day and stocks rose in response to Primakov's nomination.

But a senior Clinton administration official warned that there are grave risks for the US and the stability of the global economy if Russia fails to set its economy back on the reform course.

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Closure declared after Hebron clash

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The IDF said last night it was clamping a closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip beginning this morning in light of fresh warnings that terrorist groups were planning to carry out an attack.

The decision was announced after soldiers shot and killed two armed Palestinians in Hebron yesterday and shots were fired at a bus carrying yeshiva students to Joseph's Tomb in Nablus last night. The bus was hit but there were no injuries.

The IDF said its forces were put on extra high alert, army road-

blocks were beefed up and reinforcements were being sent to Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip.

The closure was to go into effect at 4:00 a.m. today. A nationwide police alert is also in effect.

In the Hebron area shootout yesterday afternoon, IDF troops alerted by explosions and gunshots clashed with two Palestinian terrorists in a house, killing both of them, the IDF said. There were no Israeli casualties.

The army said the clash took place yesterday afternoon in an area under full Israeli security control. But the exact location was being kept classified.

The army said that the two terrorists were on their way to carry out an attack. It said a sweep of the house where the gunmen were hiding turned up "lots of weapons."

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'A time of danger, and opportunity'

ANALYSIS

By HILLY KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - When officials of American Jewish organizations met with President Bill Clinton last week in Moscow, they raised a basket of concerns related to the Russian economic collapse. The toll it is taking on the elderly and infirm, the potential for Jews being made scapegoats by antisemitic groups, a possible mass emigration, and the threat of accelerated Russian technology transfer to Iran.

Mark Levin, the Washington director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, who participated in the 30-minute meeting at the American embassy, recalled yesterday that Clinton "said he's concerned, as well," and that he and his administration are "well aware of" the dangers.

The million dollar question now is: What can Clinton do about those and other issues vital to the American Jewish community, now that independent counsel Kenneth Starr has delivered to Congress what is assumed to be a damning report about Clinton's behavior in his affair with Monica Lewinsky?

The conventional wisdom here is that it is too early to judge the extent to which Clinton will be hamstrung. The line voiced consistently is: Let's wait and see what's in the report.

That should not take long, with the House of Representatives intending to make most of it available on the Internet today.

An official of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee posited earlier in the week, before Starr submitted his report, that Dennis Ross may have been dispatched Tuesday not only because an Israeli-Palestinian deal is finally in the making, but due to the administration's belief that "on the political dimension, it could boost" Clinton's standing when he most needs it.

Israelis are also well aware of Clinton's predicament. "The administration would not have



Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr departs his McLean, Virginia, home by car yesterday morning. His 445-page report on the investigation into the affair between President Bill Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky was delivered to Congress on Wednesday afternoon and is expected to be posted on the Internet this afternoon. (AP)

gambled and sent Ross here if it were not so desperate to focus attention away from its problems at home," said one top official, adding that while Ross's mission may be needed, the timing was suspect.

"They pushed for the trip without any assurances of its success, which is unusual. They are reaching for any life preserver, but, unfortunately Clinton is miscalculating as, even if we can provide an agreement - which we may not be able to do - it will not really be enough of a lifesaver."

Clinton's summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin last week was, to be sure, planned far in advance. But rather than Clinton's

manipulating it to escape his troubles at home, the Lewinsky controversy simply followed him overseas, with reporters urging him for a more detailed apology than he delivered on national television after his grand jury testimony August 17. In fact, the pressure increased all the more when, with Clinton nearing the end of his Moscow visit, Sen. Joseph Lieberman issued a harsh rebuke on the Senate floor.

On the other hand, while it was Clinton who, after phoning Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, personally dispatched Ross.

A second AIPAC official listed the international crises of recent months, saying that they collectively present the international Jewish community with an enormous challenge. If Clinton eventually is driven from office, he said, American Jewry, which has had excellent relations for 20 years with congressmen, senators, and now Vice President Al Gore, would have to build relations with a Gore administration "under completely new circumstances."

At a minimum, he said, American Jews, overwhelmingly Democratic, must prepare for substantial Democratic losses in November's

congressional elections. "It's an incredible situation," he said. "Who would have thought it? Six months ago, you had... a US dynasty people thought would be around 100 years. That was a center of a world that was stable."

"Now, you have India and Pakistan that have tested nuclear weapons; Iran testing a long-range missile; North Korea testing a missile over Japan; Russian economic collapse; the stock market troubles - and it's all become unraveled in a compressed period of time. The challenge for Israel and American Jews is to be very creative... It's a time of great danger and opportunity."

Palestinians were taking orders from Egypt, just as it is unfair to present Israel as the flexible party.

The Israelis, in their first meeting with Ross, expressed a measure of disappointment that he is not doing enough to get concessions from the Palestinians.

After the first round of meetings and Ross's announcement that he planned to stay, however, both sides said they are encouraged.

The US delegation is comprised of six negotiators, including Jonathan Schwartz, a US State Department legal adviser who drafted the 1997 Hebron Agreement.

Both the Palestinians and the Israelis claim they want to discuss

the US proposal as a package, looking at the specifics of such key issues as security cooperation, along with the question of the withdrawal. Both blame the other side for blocking movement.

"The Palestinians say they have accepted the US proposal in principle, but not the details. What does this add up to?" Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's communications director David Bar-Ilan asked.

He stressed that Israel cannot move forward with the agreement, until the Palestinians agree to do such concrete things as convene the Palestinian National Council and cancel the parts of the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction.

The least optimistic man of the day was President Ezer Weizman, who, when asked after meeting Ross yesterday if he thought progress was possible, answered with a curt, "No."

US public strongly opposes Clinton impeachment

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Washington is buzzing with talk of impeaching President Bill Clinton, but the American people are a long way from accepting that idea.

Public opinion polls and interviews with voters show the vast majority do not consider Clinton's affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, nor his admission that he lied about it for seven months, to be sufficient grounds for removing him from office.

"There's a very big disjunction here between opinion in Washington and in the rest of the country," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center.

Kohut, who has just completed a survey of over 2,000 voters, found that over three quarters wanted Clinton to stay in office. The president stands accused of perjury and obstruction of justice by special prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

"Two thirds of voters don't like Clinton very much as a person but they feel his wrongdoing is not serious enough to force him out of

office," Kohut said. John Geer, a political scientist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, said he could not recall another case in which such a wide gulf had opened between the political elite in Washington and the rest of the nation.

"Elite support for Clinton even within his own party has evaporated but the public has stayed with him. The public still cares the most about peace, prosperity and political moderation and Clinton embodies all of those," he said.

In Washington, members of Clinton's own Democratic Party have been rushing to distance themselves from him. Senior lawmakers around the country, including the governors of Florida and Maryland, have stayed away from his public appearances in their states.

Geer said Washington opinion was more likely than public opinion to determine Clinton's fate once special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's report on the Lewinsky affair was made public and became widely disseminated.

Shoval: Clinton hopeful on deal with PA

By HILLY KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton "certainly is determined and is extremely hopeful of having a [second redeployment] agreement reached as soon as possible," Ambassador to the US Zalmay Shoval said yesterday.

The two met for 15 minutes during an afternoon ceremony at which Shoval formally presented his credentials to the president. The meeting was their first since Shoval arrived here on July 15 to succeed Eliahu Ben-Elissar, but the two had met during Shoval's previous tenure that concluded in 1993.

Shoval was one of 12 new ambassadors to present their credentials to Clinton yesterday. None of the others was from the Middle East. With just a State Department official, White House protocol officers and Shoval's wife Kena in the Oval Office, Shoval presented Clinton with a two-volume Book of Psalms, an illuminated facsimile edition of one published in Spain in the 11th century. Clinton flipped briefly

through the set. The two men discussed what next steps to take to normalize Arab-Israeli relations following the conclusion of the redeployment negotiations, including Shoval said, improving Israeli-Egyptian relations.

However, he said that the discussion did not touch on tackling the long freeze in Israeli-Syrian negotiations. They also did not discuss the possibility of Clinton sealing the redeployment deal when he, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat visit the UN later this month.

"The whole discussion was of the peace process," Shoval said. Clinton is "very much aware of Israel's security concerns, and he does not make light of them with respect to the present talks."

Clinton, he said, "knows exactly where the situation is at present. He knows that as a result of the efforts the prime minister made, a lot of progress has been achieved. He seemed to believe that a deal is achievable."

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Vice President Al Gore offered a defense of the president, as well.

"He is my friend and he is my president and his policies have been manifestly good for the United States of America, and those policies must be continued for the good of the United States of America," he said.

Kendall met with House Judiciary Committee leaders on procedures for Clinton to present his case. He gave no indication that Republicans were persuaded to give Clinton an advance look at the report before it is released.

Kendall once again took a swipe at the report, calling it simply a collection of prosecutors' "contentions, claims, and allegations and we look forward to the chance to rebut them."

Israeli Ambassador Zalmay Shoval, who formally presented his credentials to Clinton yesterday, said that despite the crisis atmosphere, he sensed that Clinton is "fully focused on the matters at hand and fully in control of the information and the

data, and everything that's going on in the peace process."

Their 15-minute discussion dealt solely with the peace process, said Shoval, who, after talking to Israeli officials by phone, briefed the president on where the negotiations stand with US Middle East envoy Dennis Ross.

"The impression that I got is he fully knows exactly... where the peace process stands," Shoval said.

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US voters don't care about foreign policy

Pundits this week filled the media with speculation linking President Clinton's Monica Lewinsky woes.

According to this logic, Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright dispatched Ross here to wrap up an agreement on the second-stage withdrawal and deliver Yasser Arafat and Benjamin Netanyahu to Washington for a signing ceremony later this month. All this in order to give the beleaguered president a big boost, and deflect growing criticism in the US that Clinton no longer has the capacity to lead overseas.

This line of reasoning may have more to do with collective egocentricity – a penchant on our part to think that everything, everywhere, somehow revolves around us – than with objective reality.

Nowhere was this tendency to place ourselves at the center more obvious than in January, when the Lewinsky story first broke. Netanyahu, at the time, was coming under White House pressure to make concessions, and some on the political Right compared the Lewinsky scandal to the Purim story: another example of a Jewish maiden who frolicked with a king and, by-the-by, saved the Jewish nation.

There is, however, historical precedent for a besieged US president looking to Israel to help refurbish a tarnished image. President Richard Nixon arrived here as part of a Middle Eastern tour in June 1974, as the Watergate vice was squeezing tighter and tighter. He resigned two months later.

But the situations are not at all similar, said Avraham Ben-Zvi, a professor of US studies at Tel Aviv University. Nixon came here as icing on the cake of the Israel-Syrian disengagement agreement, signed at the end of May 1974. Ross's visit is much more routine.

Besides, Ben-Zvi said, "that visit didn't do Nixon much good." Yoram Ettinger, Israel's congressional attaché from 1989 to 1992, said it is a mistake to think that foreign policy successes translate into a domestic windfall for US presidents.

"Perhaps when Clinton looks around him, he sees that the only place he can score points is with foreign policy, and I don't know whether the Ross trip is within this framework," Ettinger said.

IN CONTEXT

By HERB KENNON

to me is that if this is the advice he is getting, it is bad advice, because the American voter is not impressed by foreign policy achievements.

Ettinger said that anyone who doubts this "should just look at George Bush, who had a 90 percent approval rating after the [1991] Gulf War, but crashed in the 1992 elections. What is important to American voters is not foreign affairs, but domestic issues. And what is important today is values. In this, the Americans, to their credit, are different from Israeli and European voters."

According to Joseph Alpher, director of the Israel/Middle East office of the American Jewish Committee, Ross's visit is not at all out of the ordinary, but consistent with the US role in the region.

"My impression is that there has been a narrowing of the gap between us and Palestinians, and the Americans always said Ross would be back when that happened," Alpher said. "The notion of a Clinton-Arafat-Netanyahu summit as a means of sealing the deal is a legitimate one, used during the Peres and Rabin days. All this is consistent with the role the US has been playing, and is seeking to play."

Alpher said he does not think that Clinton's troubles were the prime motivating factor behind sending Ross here at this time.

"I also don't hear the major parties making that claim," Alpher said. "It is not as if the parties are claiming Ross is imposing himself on them, and that there is nothing for him to do here. Clearly there has been some progress in narrowing the gap. All things being equal, I would have expected Ross to show up in any case."

"Having said all that, there can be no doubt that under the circumstances, if Ross succeeds, it will be seen as one of perhaps several ways Clinton will try to counter the gradual erosion of his standing."

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Morality tales about sex, privacy, and authority were woven with rumor, innuendo, politics, and the Constitution yesterday as pundits – seemingly by the hundreds – hit the American airwaves, the day after independent counsel Kenneth Starr delivered his report on President Bill Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky to Congress.

The all-news cable-TV stations – assailed a month ago for being "All Monica All the Time" – were having a field day speculating about the impact and contents of the 445-page report that prosecutors said contains "substantial and

credible information" that could be grounds for Clinton's impeachment.

And there was talk about whether the evidence Starr had sent to Congress – dubbed "the Pandora's box, all 36 of them" – could titillate an American public that in eight months has become accustomed to sifting news with prurience and speaking about oral sex without blushing.

There won't be any surprises in Starr's report, said one of the pundits making the TV rounds. No, it's not that the report has been released, although that could come as early as today on the Internet. Rather, the pundit said, "The American people have known for months that Clinton was lying."

Clinton made the first of a number of public pleas for forgiveness Wednesday in Florida. By yesterday, pundits were referring to the president's "I'm sorry" tour and Clinton's "campaign of contrition." One newscaster announced the president's plans for the day by saying: "He has two apologies scheduled."

Some commentators noted, often snidely, that the White House had shifted strategy from accusing Starr of a right-wing conspiracy, to Clinton's admission that his wounds were self-inflicted.

Maybe we should commend the man, Alex Abrams of Manhattan, implied in a letter to *The New York Times*. He called the Clintons a

"model family," saying that "despite a host of obstacles, including adultery, he and his wife have kept their family intact."

But the tales of White House infidelity and the endless broadcasts may be a setback for couples who have been in counseling for infidelity, said a Connecticut therapist who counsels couples dealing with adultery.

"Part of the problem of the hurt partner is being obsessed with details of the affair," Janis Abrahms Spring of Yale University told the *Times*. "Obsession is draining. They feel they've lost control of their mind. Now, if they manage to distract themselves for even a few minutes, they're bombarded by the

news."

On Capitol Hill, someone moaned that the public is tired of the issue, which is only now beginning. It's hard to believe that, when Clinton's televised statement last month admitting to an improper relationship with Lewinsky brought some news-casts their highest ratings since the 1995 verdict in the OJ Simpson murder trial.

On American TV yesterday, four hours of channel surfing revealed that cable news shows were relentlessly focused on the Clinton scandal, while network television resisted interrupting its regular day-time fare for the first hints of impeachment since the Watergate scandal toppled Richard Nixon.

All Monica, all the time



House Speaker Newt Gingrich leaves the floor yesterday after opening the morning session. (AP)

In Clinton's words

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Here are verbatim quotes from US President Bill Clinton in the White House sex and perjury scandal:

"I have never had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky. I've never had an affair with her," – deposition in Paula Jones sexual harassment case, January 17.

"The allegations are false and I would never ask anybody to do anything, other than tell the truth," – January 22.

"I want to say one thing to the American people. I want you to listen to me. I'm going to say this again. I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky. I never told anybody to lie, not a single time, never. These allegations are false, and I need to go back to work for the American people," – January 26.

"No one wants to get this matter behind us more than I do – except maybe all the rest of the American people. I am looking forward to the opportunity in the next few days of testifying. I will do so completely and truthfully. I am anxious to do it. But I hope you can understand why, in the interim, I can and should have no further comment on these matters," – August 2.

"While my answers were legally accurate [in the Jones deposition], I did not volunteer information. Indeed, I did have a relationship with Miss Lewinsky that was not appropriate. In fact, it was wrong. It constituted a critical lapse in judgment and personal failure on my part for which I am solely and completely responsible."

"But I told the grand jury today and I say to you now that at no time

did I ask anyone to lie, to hide or destroy evidence, or to take any other unlawful actions. And I know that my public comments and my silence about this matter gave a false impression. I misled people, including even my wife. I deeply regret that," – television address after video testimony to grand jury, August 17.

"I'm having to become quite an expert at this business of asking for forgiveness, and it gets a little easier the more you do it. And if you have a family, an administration, a Congress and a whole country to ask, you're going to get a lot of practice," speech at Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, August 28.

"I have acknowledged I made a mistake, said I regretted it, asked to be forgiven, spent a lot of very valuable time with my family in the last couple of weeks and said I was going back to work. I believe that's what the American people want me to do," – news conference during visit to Moscow, September 2.

"I can't disagree with anyone else who wants to be critical of what I have already acknowledged was indefensible. I've already said I made a bad mistake and it was indefensible and I'm sorry," – media opportunity during visit to Dublin, September 5.

"I let my family down and I let this country down, but I am trying to make it right. I am determined never to let anything like that happen again... I ask you for your understanding, for your forgiveness on this journey we're on. I hope this will be a time of reconciliation and healing," – fund-raising luncheon, Orlando, Florida, September 9.

Starr report will clog Internet

CHICAGO (Reuters) – The world's honest unpublished manuscript – on the investigation into President Bill Clinton – will cause a huge but local traffic jam when it is put on the Internet, experts said yesterday.

But it is unlikely the World Wide Web, in its continuing role as the town crier of the late 20th century, will come crashing down as a result of the traffic.

The House of Representatives said it would release a 445-page summary of special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's impeachment report on the Library of Congress web site, <http://thomas.loc.gov>, or on a special House site being prepared at www.house.gov/icreport, probably this afternoon.

There could hardly be a worse time, according to Alaina Kanfer, a research scientist at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois.

"The East Coast around the District of Columbia has real bottlenecks in the afternoon. Sometimes it is hard for government workers to use [the Internet], even mirror sites," she said.

She said many people trying to access the report would get an error message because the servers distributing the report would only be able to handle a fixed number of visitors. But there was no reason to expect a more general problem.

Where is Monica?

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – The president is in the White House; the prosecutor is in his office; the report is on Capitol Hill. But where is Monica Lewinsky?

The young woman at the heart of the presidential sex scandal was under wraps yesterday, and even those who have talked freely about her in the past have nothing to say now that independent counsel Kenneth Starr's report on her affair with President Bill Clinton has gone to Congress.

"She's around. She's about," said a source familiar with the case, declining even to say what city Lewinsky is in.

There is a desire in Lewinsky's inner circle to shield her from media attention, especially since her testimony may figure prominently in the impeachment report sent to the House of Representatives on Wednesday. Both Clinton and Lewinsky initially denied having a sexual relationship in sworn statements in January in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. Any perjury or obstruction of justice charges that may be leveled against Clinton would likely stem from those sworn statements.

But both Clinton and Lewinsky testified in August to the grand jury probing the attempted cover-up of the affair, and both acknowledged that they did have a sexual relationship.

Lewinsky, who once attracted hordes of media when she did something as simple as walking from a taxi to an office lobby, has purposely stayed out of public view since her testimony.

She testified under a sweeping grant of immunity from the prosecution after months of legal maneuvering, and so may not be charged with any crime, except if she is found to have lied under oath during her testimony.

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Hizbullah kills 4 SLA soldiers

By DAVID RUDGE

Four South Lebanese Army soldiers were killed when Hizbullah gunmen detonated a large explosive device alongside their armored vehicle in the Jezzine enclave north of the security zone yesterday.

Reports from Lebanon said they were travelling in a Hammer armored car, which is designed to protect the occupants against roadside bomb attacks.

According to the reports, however, the device used by the gunmen contained a very large quantity of explosives and had been planted in a water channel under the road to maximize the effect of the blast.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack – the second deadly operation against SLA troops in the space of 24 hours.

Two SLA soldiers were killed and two others wounded – one of them seriously – in a similar incident in the zone's eastern sector on Wednesday. On that occasion, Hizbullah said a senior SLA commander and a junior officer were among the casualties.

A Hizbullah statement said that yesterday's attack had been directed against SLA security personnel who acted as bodyguards for the newly installed SLA commander of the region, whose name was given as Joseph Karam.

The statement said the attack was also in retaliation for new measures imposed by the SLA on the region, including restrictions on the movement of local residents. Lebanese observers said it appeared



Would-be assassin Soha Bishara (left) takes part in a protest yesterday against the detention of about 200 Lebanese by Israel and the SLA. Bishara was released last week from Khiam prison, where she served 10 years for a failed assassination attempt on SLA Commander Antoine Lahad. (Reuters)

that both attacks had been well planned and indicated accurate knowledge of the localities and high-level intelligence regarding the movements of the intended targets.

IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the Jezzine area shortly after the bomb attack. The IDF Spokesman said that the pilots reported accurate hits and that the planes returned safely to their bases.

There were no reports of any casualties in the strike, which brought to over 80 the number of IAF raids on targets in Lebanon since the beginning of the year.

Meanwhile, Israel yesterday lodged a complaint with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over the firing of three mortar rounds by Amal gunmen on Wednesday from the outskirts of Kabriha village, which is north of the security zone.

Lebanon also is expected to lodge a complaint with the monitoring committee over SLA shelling on Wednesday, in which three Lebanese civilians were reported to have been wounded and a number of homes damaged north of the zone.

The SLA shelling was in response to Hizbullah mortar fire at a SLA outpost in the zone's eastern sector at the same time as the roadside bomb attack in which the two SLA soldiers were killed and two others wounded.

The incidents in the past few days have further raised the level of tension in south Lebanon.

Widow dies of wounds from riot

By AMY KLEIN

Kamale Nadher, 41, who was hit with a rubber bullet fired by police on Saturday during riots in the Shufat refugee camp in northern Jerusalem, died from her wounds yesterday, police said.

Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki confirmed that Nadher was not involved in the demonstrations, but was "unfortunately caught in the crowd of people throwing rocks. It was a life-threatening situation and police fired in self-defense."

Nadher, a widowed mother of four, was brought to Hadassah University Hospital, Ein Kerem, in critical condition from wounds caused by a rubber bullet that entered her face and lodged in her neck. Prior to the funeral, the body was brought to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabeh.

"Kamale was not a demonstrator. She went out to buy some food for the family and she was shot by soldiers," said Hela Nadher, her sister-in-law.

Nadher left behind four children, 12 to 17. Their father died three years ago from a heart attack.

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Haredi school systems have almost half of Jerusalem's Jewish pupils

By AMY KLEIN

Nearly one out of two Jewish pupils in the Jerusalem school system this year is in the haredi school system, statistics from the Jerusalem municipality indicate.

This year, some 68,000 pupils are in the Jewish, non-haredi system.

Exact figures for the haredi sector were not available for

1998, but Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert estimated that 66,000 pupils are studying there this year.

Although the number of pupils in haredi schools remained static from last year, their percentage among Jewish pupils is increasing compared to the decreasing number of pupils in non-haredi schools.

The number of Jewish pupils attending Jerusalem's state

schools and state religious schools dropped 3% this year.

In 1993, the total number of pupils in the Jerusalem haredi sector was only 46,000, while the total number of pupils in the non-haredi sector was 70,000.

Between 1993 and 1997, the percentage of pupils among Jewish students in Jerusalem's haredi sector particularly increased in elementary schools and kindergartens.

By 1997 the number of pupils in haredi kindergartens increased to 16,000 from 10,000 in 1993, while in the Jewish, non-haredi sector the number of pupils in kindergarten only increased from 9,700 in 1993 to 10,500 last year.

The same drastic difference was evident in elementary schools, with a 33% increase between 1993 and 1997 in the haredi sector and an 8%

decrease in the Jewish, non-haredi sector.

Classes in the haredi sector are smaller, with an average of 24 children per class compared with 28.9 in the non-haredi Jewish classes and 31.06 in the Arab sector.

There were 27,723 Arab students who started state schools this year in Jerusalem - almost 18% of the entire school population.

9 judges to issue ruling on torture

By BAT-SHEVA TSUR

Two petitions relating to the death of a Palestinian suspect during interrogation by the General Security Service will be heard by the High Court of Justice only after a ruling by nine justices on the use of "moderate physical force" in interrogations is handed down. This was decided yesterday by a three-judge panel headed by President Aharon Barak.

The first petition was presented on behalf of the family of Abdel-Samed Harizat, who allegedly died following "shaking" by GSS interrogators in Jerusalem in May 1995. The family is demanding that the state pay compensation. The second petition, presented by the Public Committee Against Torture in Israel, calls for trying the two GSS interrogators allegedly responsible for Harizat's death on the grounds that interrogators cannot have impunity for irreversible physical or mental damage.



Land dispute

Atta Abdul Jawad (right) and a family member watch yesterday as a Civil Administration bulldozer rips up mature trees on land near Hebron he insisted belongs to his family. Civil Administration officials said the land is state land. (Reuters)

Terror victim's father accuses US of persuing double standard

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The American government has a double standard when it comes to pursuing terrorists, Stephen Flatow has charged in New York.

Flatow's daughter Alisa was killed, along with seven Israelis, in an April 1995 attack on a bus in Kfar Darom.

"The US, he said, will not request the extradition of Palestinian terrorists who murder Americans, 'but will post a \$2 million award for the killing of American embassy workers'."

In March, a federal judge ordered Iran to pay \$247.5 million to the Flatow family for Tehran's role in financing the attack.

Flatow, of West Orange, New Jersey, was joined at a news conference Wednesday by the parents of other American victims of Palestinian terror, Matt Eisenfeld and David Boim.

Senator Al D'Amato and Morton Klein, the president of the Zionist Organization of America, also attended, and said they would press US President Bill Clinton to insist that Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat extradite to the US the

suspects in those terror incidents.

But Flatow had no confidence that the US government would respond. The State Department has tried to block his efforts, first to file suit, then to collect damages against Iran.

"There is a double standard of the American government throwing \$50 million worth of Tomahawk missiles at mud huts in Afghanistan and then coming in and spending 14 [federal] lawyers' time to oppose our suit," he said.

"Why is there a double standard?" he asked. "Is one type of terrorism more palatable than another? I don't think so."

Israeli Arabs protest land confiscation

By DAVID RUDGE

Scores of Israeli Arabs, including four MKs, demonstrated outside the Defense Ministry's offices in Tel Aviv yesterday to protest what they described as attempts to expropriate land in the Triangle area by defining it as a closed military zone.

Defense Ministry officials categorically denied the allegations, stressing that the IDF had done its utmost to prevent harming the interests of Arab landowners.

The demonstration followed an emergency meeting in Umm el-Fahm on Tuesday of the so-called monitoring committee of the Israeli Arab leadership to discuss the issue.

The outcry follows a ministry decision to join an area of several thousand dunams of land to an existing military zone, covering over 42,000 dunams.

Arab leaders, especially in the Umm al-Fahm area, charged that the decision would prevent farmers in the area from cultivating land under their ownership.

The monitoring committee, composed of Arab MKs, council heads and leading public figures, gave the

go-ahead for the demonstration yesterday and also called for an urgent meeting with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Internal Security Ministry Avigdor Kahalani.

Farmers have established a protest tent on some of the land near Umm el-Fahm as part of the action campaign against the extension of the military zone.

A mass march also is planned in the future, unless demands to be allowed free access to the land are accepted.

Eli Cohen, adviser to the defense minister on settlement, infrastructure and development, stressed that there was absolutely no attempt to confiscate Arab-owned land.

"On the contrary, most of the land in question has been taken from Jewish communities in the area," Cohen said.

"Furthermore, some 2,500 dunams of land was given back to the Arab landowners and only 500 dunams of the new area was taken [to add onto the existing military zone]."

"This was done as a gesture of goodwill and to show that this is a practical not a political issue," he added.

PM's flu delays budget debate again

By NINA GILBERT

The cabinet deliberations on the 1999 state budget were postponed for a second time yesterday due to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ill health.

The Prime Minister's Office said the discussions would resume some time at the beginning of next week.

In the meantime, the Treasury is still holding meetings with the ministries in order to win the support of those facing cuts or have specific

spending demands. The package, for a total of NIS 173.8 billion, includes NIS 2.2b. in cuts in most ministries in order to increase spending by NIS 2.3b. in areas for priority areas set by the government, including infrastructure and defense.

The cabinet must vote on the budget soon in order for the Treasury to have time to prepare its accompanying legislation for presentation to the Knesset next month.

The Treasury said yesterday that

ultimately the cabinet would decide on the final spending package, and it would be within the budget framework.

Netanyahu will presumably have a majority to pass the budget, as long as a few of the ministers whose support is wavering can be won over, including Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan has now declared he will back the spending plan.

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NEWS

in brief

Five-year-old sues father for killing mother

A five-year-old is suing his father for NIS 6 million for killing his mother in August 1994. The child's aunt and uncle, who have been his legal guardians since February 1997, filed the suit on his behalf in Haifa District Court yesterday.

The father, a former policeman, is serving an eight-year prison sentence for shooting his 27-year-old wife to death at their home at Moshav Ganim in northern Samaria. He drove home drunk from a police event and shot his wife with his police-issued gun. He was so drunk, according to the lawsuit, that he needed to be helped into the car that he drove home.

The lawsuit also names the police; it accuses police of criminal negligence for allowing him to return home armed and intoxicated.

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court rejected the father's appeal for a sentence reduction. That the father had been a police officer, only made his crime worse, the court said. *Itim*

13 Hebron settlers questioned

Police summoned 13 wish residents of Hebron for questioning yesterday regarding accusations that they were involved in rioting in the city. They were summoned by a special police force, headed by Supt. Shlomo Efrati, appointed to help the Hebron police complete investigations of 84 Hebron residents. So far this year, Hebron police have opened files on 142 settlers for charges such as damaging property and illegal use of a weapon, but have closed less than half of the cases. *Itim*

Nitric acid spill closes Coastal Road

The Coastal Road between the Netanya and Olga interchanges was closed for more than two hours yesterday evening after a tank truck carrying nitric acid from a plant in Kiryat Malachi sprang a leak. In a joint effort, police, firemen, soldiers and Environment Ministry workers managed to cover the damaged truck with sand, thereby neutralizing the danger. Police are investigating for possible negligence. *Itim*

4-year-old killed while crossing street

A four-year-old was critically injured when he was hit by a car while crossing the street in front of his parent's home in Shfar'am yesterday. He died shortly after arriving at Haifa's Rambam Hospital. *Itim*

New technique offers hope for epileptics

By JUDY SIEGEL

Some 1,800 Israelis with severe epilepsy that doesn't react to medications could be cured by a new neurosurgical technique to cut out the "epilepsy center" from the brain.

The operation is now being offered at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv (where surgeons did their first successful effort a few months ago) and Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer (where the first one was performed yesterday).

Dr. Ze'ev Feldman, who studied the technique at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, operated at Sheba on a 45-year-old man who has had epileptic attacks from the age of 20.

He will now be able to return to a normal life without taking drugs, Feldman said.

Anywhere from one to two percent of the population suffer from epilepsy, in which a part of the brain "short circuits," causing temporary loss of consciousness and other symptoms.

About a quarter of these do not improve when taking any of the

growing number of anti-epileptic drugs and are suited to the surgery, if the epileptic tissue in the brain is not involved in vital functions.

The epileptic center is usually in the hippocampus part of the brain, and the problem shows up in tests as irregular "electric sparks."

Feldman explained that prior to surgery the patient must undergo intensive tests, including a SPECT scan, the insertion of electrodes into or around the brain and a video electroencephalogram (this new EEG device was purchased by Sheba recently for \$300,000).

Unlike the surgery, the workup is not paid for by the health fund yet and comes at the expense of the hospital, but Kaplan hopes that tests will be included in the basket of health services.

"A successful operation frees the health fund from paying for drugs for the rest of the patient's life," he noted.

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NEWS

in brief

IDF gets new manpower head

Brig.-Gen. Yudek Segev was appointed head of IDF Manpower in a brief ceremony yesterday, taking over from Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer, who is retiring from the IDF. Segev was promoted to major-general, one of four new major-generals promoted by Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz since he became chief of general staff in July.

Arieh O'Sullivan

Largest IDF exercise since 1985 ends

"Army of the Heavens," a land and air exercise involving an entire IDF corps took place this week. It was the largest such exercise since 1985.

The army said the exercise was to "strengthen the operational capabilities" of the participating forces. It said the forces practiced a variety of operations, including exercises in using and integrating advanced technological systems. The IDF did not say how many or which troops took part, and it closed off the areas where the exercise took place.

Arieh O'Sullivan

People urged to get flu vaccine

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's bout with the flu apparently reminded the Health Ministry to remind the public to get vaccinated. Elderly and sickly people at high risk of complications, as well as younger, healthy people in critical jobs, are urged to get the vaccine by the end of November.

The ministry said yesterday that when people purchase the vaccine, they should make sure that they get the version marked "For the 1998/9 season," which covers the A/Sydney, A/Beijing, and B/Beijing strains.

Judy Siegel

Anglo-Israeli meet to discuss support of arts

Some 50 movers and shakers from the local and UK arts worlds open their three-day Anglo-Israeli Colloquium on "Support of the Arts - Whose Responsibility?" at Beit Gabriel on the Kinneret today. UK participants include Lord Chandos, British chairman of the colloquium; John Tusa, managing director of the Barbican Theater; and local British Council Head, John Elliott. Arts and Culture Authority head Micha Yonon, Cameri general manager Noam Semel, Israel Festival general manager Yossi Talgan and the Israeli AIC chairman, Weizmann Institute professor emeritus the Viscount Samuel are among the local contingent.

Helen Kaye

Journalists: Commercial interests limit press

Whereas in the past the government limited freedom of the press, today that freedom is being limited by commercial considerations, a panel of Israeli journalists agreed yesterday at the Freedom Forum's "Free Press, Fair Press" convention at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

Privately owned press ruled by bottom line and aggressive commercial interests is becoming a threat to freedom of speech and freedom of the press, *Ha'aretz* columnist Ari Shavit said.

There was consensus that the media does not toe the government line. "We follow the American example so we are as fair to the government as the American press," said *Yediot Aharonot* political columnist Nahum Bamea.

Greer Fay Cashman

Matza slams Friday clinic closures

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, who is in Cyprus to renew medical cooperation agreements, yesterday voiced his anger over Kupaat Holim Clalit's plans to shut down most of its community clinics today and on subsequent Fridays.

This follows the largest health fund's previous decision to close its Maram late-night and weekend emergency clinics, leaving open

only a handful of regional clinics or hospital emergency rooms. Independent doctors who work for Clalit will, however, receive patients on Fridays.

All the insurers have reduced services, partly due to severe budgetary constraints and partly as a demonstrative action to get more than NIS 500 million in debts and loans from the Treasury.

The government has made the transfer of the money conditional on the health funds signing an

agreement limiting their expenditures but without setting down the extent of their income for next year.

The Maccabi health fund closed its community clinics on Fridays late last month. Leumit and Meuhedet have reduced their reception hours in the afternoons and cut some other services.

Matza stated through his spokesman that he regarded the cutbacks "as very serious," since the health funds are bound to pro-

vide the full basket of health services.

He insisted that efficiency measures not come at the expense of the public.

"There are many other fields in which the health funds can cut back before they hurt the insured," he said.

Matza is "currently examining the means at his disposal to force the health funds to provide services," his spokesman said, without giving details.

Meanwhile, Clalit said the four health funds are due to meet with Health Ministry officials soon with the aim of revamping their joint emergency plans.

The Anti-Trust Court in Jerusalem will meet on September 25 to discuss these plans, in which the funds intend to close down many community clinics entirely and offer services jointly in 112 localities from Sundays through Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.



International cooperation

Danish Ambassador Hans Koford-Hansen (from right), Foreign Ministry Mashav head Haim Divon, Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassoumy and instructor Rami Keidar congratulate Mohamed Ahmed Ghazi and his wife Hanan Farag Abdel Salam yesterday, during a ceremony at Kibbutz Bror Hayil in the northern Negev, for completing a course on agricultural management. The couple, from Mamsoura Dahleia, Egypt, is one of 21 Egyptian couples that graduated yesterday from the Foreign Ministry course. The course, organized by the Foreign Ministry's Mashav Center for International Cooperation together with the Danish government, focused on desert land management. Most of the participants came from desert areas in Egypt. Some 2,000 Egyptians have taken part in similar such courses.

(Text: Danna Harnan; Photo: Ariel Jerolimski)

Israel helping to develop systems for German air force

By STEVE RODAN

Israel and Germany are cooperating in the development of avionic and electronic systems for the German Air Force in a deal estimated to be worth several hundred million dollars, defense executives said yesterday.

The development program is the latest of nearly two decades of quiet cooperation between the two countries in the field of defense. Germany, with extensive ties to the Arab world, has denied previous reports of defense cooperation with Israel.

The latest program is the development of electronic warfare systems for the Tornado fighter jet in the German Air Force.

The system is installed in pods underneath the warplane, manufactured in Britain, and executives said it represents one of the most advanced self-defense systems on the market.

The program is led by Elta Electronics Industries Ltd., the Ashdod-based subsidiary of Israeli Aircraft Industries, and the Munich-based Daimler-Benz Aerospace.

The system is meant to improve the survivability of the Tornado by jamming enemy radar both in the air and on the ground.

Defense executives said the system has been tested successfully in Germany and in the US during 1997 and the German Air Force has approved acquisition during the course of this year.

They said development of the system included the completion of four prototypes, 60 systems and logistic support in a contract at more than \$150 million.

Defense executives in Israel refused to provide more details or list previous defense projects with Germany. They said this was the most their German partners would allow them to release.

Kahalani rejects Likud, Labor offers

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Third Way leader Avigdor Kahalani recently rejected offers by both Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak to join their respective parties.

Kahalani revealed yesterday that Netanyahu and Barak had each asked him to join his party "for an adequate political exchange."

Netanyahu's media adviser Aviv Bushinsky refused to comment on this report. Barak is abroad and unavailable for comment.

Kahalani's statement followed reports that Third Way MKs Alex Lubotzky and Yehuda Harel are considering setting up a centrist party which would field Likud MK Dan Meridor as its prime ministerial candidate.

Kahalani, who until recently was not privy to these moves, was displeased to hear of them, but finally agreed to let Harel negotiate on behalf of The Third Way.

Former deputy chief of general staff Matan Vilna'i is also thinking of joining the new party and has been involved in the talks with Meridor.

Lubotzky said recently that if a centrist party headed by Meridor is formed, The Third Way will join it, and cease being an independent list. Another possibility being discussed is that Harel and Lubotzky head a new list and leave The Third Way.

Meanwhile, prominent Likud members voice are voicing fears regarding the party's survival.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat came out sharply against the law for direct election of the prime minister, which Netanyahu supports, warning that unless it is revoked, the Likud will continue to dwindle and turn into the third largest party.

Uzi Landau, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, sent Likud central committee members a letter warning of "the greatest crisis in the Likud's history." He said the government's policy is bringing the Likud to the point of collapse and referred to internal bickering, and party leaders ignoring the party's institutions.

Deputy Minister Michael Eitan also sent a letter to central committee members, presenting a gloomy picture of the party's situation and blaming the group identified with Avigdor Lieberman, former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

Two Palestinians die, 44 hurt in Gaza Strip bus accident

Two Palestinians were killed and 44 injured in the Gaza Strip yesterday when the bus in which they were riding to jobs in Israel left the road and overturned, police said.

Palestinian police thanked Israeli rescue workers for helping to evacuate the victims.

The workers were heading for the Erez checkpoint between Gaza and Israel around 4:30 a.m. when the accident occurred near Kfar Darom.

Col. Khaled Abu Ula, commander of the military liaison unit with Israel, said the Palestinian driver was attempting to pass another car when the bus went out of control, overturning several times before coming to rest upside down. He said the bus may have skidded on a patch of oil.

"I would like to greatly thank the Israeli side which played a fundamental role in providing assistance

and first aid to the wounded, as well as moving the wounded by Israeli ambulances up to Khan Yunis Hospital," he said.

Some of the injured were sent to other Gaza hospitals.

David Mor-Yosef, a driver of one Israeli ambulance, told Army Radio most of the injuries were slight to moderate, but that between six and eight of the victims were in serious condition. (Reuters)



Peres visits EU HQ

Former prime minister Shimon Peres, left, meets European Commission President Jacques Santer in Brussels yesterday.

Ministry given month to reply to deportation petition

BATSHEVA TSUR

The High Court of Justice has ordered the Interior Ministry to respond within one month to a petition from the Association for Civil Rights in Israel requesting that anyone arrested before deportation be given an individual hearing shortly after being arrested.

Court President Aharon Barak and Justices Dalia Dorner and Dorit Beinisch heard the petition, which was presented on behalf of three Sierra Leone citizens who have been held in detention for four months because they remained in Israel illegally.

During this period, the petition says, there has been no legal supervision of their status.

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Adams, Trimble meet for first time

BELFAST (Reuters) - The leaders of Northern Ireland's pro-British Protestants and pro-Irish Catholic republicans met face-to-face for the first time since 1922 yesterday, breaking the ice in the interests of peace.

Not since Northern Ireland unionist chief James Craig and Irish republican leader Michael Collins held talks in the wake of a maelstrom of guerrilla strife have such sworn enemies sat down to discuss the future of this divided island - though yesterday's meeting was dogged by demands for IRA disarmament.

Modern republican leader Gerry Adams of Sinn Féin - who rejects the official view that his political party is the IRA's Siamese twin - hailed the event as a positive start to a "journey of a thousand miles."

His opponent David Trimble, leader of Northern Ireland's Protestant majority and of a newly-elected assembly, said the encounter with the man who was hunted for years as an IRA suspect had been "civilized and workmanlike."

The Ulster Unionist leader made clear he had attended the meeting in a spirit of pragmatism rather than friendship, telling reporters: "It is an inevitable fact of involvement in politics here and in Westminster that you have to meet and work with a range of people and they are not all angels."

The meeting was overshadowed by unionist demands for the destruction of IRA guns - an outcome which Adams has said he cannot deliver but Trimble says must happen soon if Sinn Féin is to play a full political role in the province.

"We are not saying to people that they have to surrender or in any way be humiliated," said



Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams (left) and his colleague Richard McAuley leave the parliament building in Belfast yesterday after meeting with Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble. (AP)

Trimble, who says he does not object if the IRA destroys its arsenal rather than handing it in - a move which might be more palatable to the secretive group.

But Trimble said all elements of society had to move towards a purely democratic arrangement for the future, adding: "That necessarily involves the ending of private armies."

Adams said he had told Trimble that those who had been involved in

violence would have to be persuaded there was an alternative as he alone could not deliver IRA decommissioning.

But he said he believed he and Trimble could "do business," despite having attended months of talks together without ever negotiating directly with each other.

"A journey of a thousand miles starts with one step. So the development of common ground, of a shared future, and a shared responsibility for that future, has to start with one meeting," Adams said. "We will seek to build and to move forward and all the time keep very, very focused on the prize, which is freedom and justice."

While the meeting marked a thaw in the icy relations between the two men, the gulf between them over scrapping arms remains a threat to progress in the province.

Trimble made clear in an interview with the *Irish News* that he could not see Sinn Féin taking its seats in an executive at the head of a new assembly before the end of the year unless there was evidence of IRA arms "decommissioning."

Though the meeting was seen as inevitable if the newly-elected assembly was to be successful, starting with its first working meeting Monday, the fact that it took place was hailed as a milestone in Northern Ireland's path to peace.

Taleban admits its men killed nine Iranian diplomats

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - Afghanistan's Taleban movement said yesterday it has found the bodies of nine Iranian diplomats whose disappearance sparked a huge Iranian military buildup and sharp border tension.

The movement's senior spokesman told the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) news agency that Taleban fighters acting on their own accord killed the Iranians and said those responsible would be caught and punished.

It was the first time the radical Sunni Moslem movement had publicly admitted that Taleban fighters had been killed by their fighters captured the opposition stronghold of Mazar-i-Sharif last month.

Lingering tension apparently linked to a Taleban drive against areas inhabited by Afghanistan's Shi'ite minority caused Tehran to announce yesterday its second major military exercises on the Afghan border in a month.

AIP earlier reported that the Taleban had entered Bamian province in central Afghanistan on Wednesday and were poised to advance toward the provincial capital, Bamian. The province is home to an estimated 300,000 Shi'ites and at least two oppo-

sition factions with links to Iran. Wakil Ahmed, the Taleban spokesman, told AIP that Taleban fighters had killed the Iranians "on their own without any orders," AIP reported.

There was confusion about how many diplomats had disappeared in the Taleban takeover of Mazar-i-Sharif. Iran says 11 diplomats and a journalist went missing, while the Taleban says the figures are 10 and one.

The Taleban announcement coincided with a fact-finding mission by officials from Iran, the Taleban, Pakistan, and the UN to try to defuse tension which has worried the White House and regional neighbors.

Ahmed told AIP the Taleban would hand over the bodies and said the information was based on intelligence sent to the country's supreme ruler, Mullah Mohammad Omar.

He said that a senior Iranian official had telephoned the Taleban to announce that it would not negotiate with the Islamic militia unless the Taleban apologized for the incident, punished the guilty, and freed captive Iranians.

"Since Iran is not willing to talk, we have given this report to the press," the spokesman said.

American satellites destroyed in Russian launch

MOSCOW (AP) - A rocket launched by Russia to put 12 US commercial satellites into orbit failed minutes after blastoff yesterday and burned up in the atmosphere along with its cargo, officials said.

The Ukrainian-made Zenit-2 booster was launched shortly after midnight by Russia's space agency from the Baikonur cosmodrome, which Moscow rents from the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan.

The rocket's control system failed within five minutes, shutting down the engines.

Fragments of the rocket and the

Globalstar satellites fell in a sparsely populated area in southern Siberia, the Russian Space Agency said in a statement carried by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

The satellites were built and operated by Space Systems/Loral, a subsidiary of Loral Space and Communications Ltd. of New York.

The space agency blamed the Ukrainian manufacturer of the rocket, the state-owned design and production center Yuzhnoye, for the failed launch, ITAR-Tass reported.

"The launching was considered Ukraine's responsibility," said the space agency spokesman.

'Free Willy' killer whale goes home

HEIMAUEY, Iceland (AP) - In a Hollywood-style finish, *Free Willy* star Keiko was flown home from Oregon yesterday, splashing down into the waters of Iceland after 19 years in captivity and a brief career in the movies.

Transported by plane and boat to a protected cove off Iceland's Vestmanna Islands, the world's most famous killer whale swam into his childhood home to the cheers of doting handlers and reporters from around the globe.

When the orca was first lowered into the water, he moved slowly, his head nodding back and forth. But with the help of four divers, who removed the sling in which he was lowered, Keiko dove below the surface and began swimming leisurely laps around the pen.

Minutes later, Keiko surfaced and once again climbed atop him and scratched his side. The whale then explored his new home while the divers, who have been his friends for years, waited and watched anxiously.

Earlier, hundreds of excited children welcomed Keiko to the town of Heimauey after a US Air Force cargo plane landed on this

windswept archipelago following an eight-hour flight from Oregon. Keiko's owners hope his return will reverse the process that began with his capture from the wild as a young animal and included his transformation into an aquarium performing whale.

"He's fine. It was an absolutely smooth trip. The staff is euphoric!" said Diane Hammond, spokeswoman for the Free Willy Keiko Foundation.

Townfolk dotted the landscape as Keiko's holding tank was maneuvered from the plane to a waiting baited truck with its "Welcome

Home Willy" banner. The truck drove its famous passenger into the small town past throngs of children waving little Icelandic and American flags and welcoming him with "Velkommen Keiko" banners.

At the harbor, the whale was loaded onto a barge and floated past spectacular 250-meter volcanic cliffs to his new space. In the football field-sized enclosure, the droopy-finned star of the *Free Willy* movies will be reintroduced to the sights and sounds of the waters where he was captured at age two.

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in brief

Rabbi charged in wife's death

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) - A rabbi long suspected in his wife's 1994 bludgeoning death was charged with murder yesterday. Rabbi Fred J. Neulander, the former senior rabbi at Congregation M'Kor Shalom in Cherry Hill, a Philadelphia suburb, maintains his innocence.

Law enforcement officials have long described him as a suspect, and offered no additional information about the charges or what led authorities to Neulander after nearly four years.

Carol Neulander, 52, was killed in her home on November 1, 1994. Her husband said he found her body when he returned from the synagogue.

Neulander resigned in early 1995 after admitting unspecified indiscretion and asking for forgiveness from the congregation. He was later suspended by a rabbinical panel.

Nazi war crimes trial postponed indefinitely

VILNIUS (AP) - A Lithuanian court yesterday ordered an indefinite postponement in the Nazi war-crimes trial of Aleksandras Lileikis, who his lawyers say is too ill to attend the proceedings. The court said it would appoint a medical commission to determine if the 91-year-old Lileikis is too sick to speak in his own defense.

Lileikis, who was head of the Vilnius security police during the 1941-44 Nazi occupation, is charged with genocide for allegedly ordering scores of Jews to be arrested and handed over to a Nazi execution squad.

The trial was to have opened Wednesday, after a number of delays that prompted criticism from Jewish groups who contend that Lithuanian authorities are trying to draw out the procedures until Lileikis dies.

S. Korea says it will spur rocket development

SEOUL (AP) - Admitting it has been stung by rival North Korea's recent missile launch, South Korea said yesterday it will speed up work on its own rocket technology.

South Korea's initial plans were to put a satellite in orbit by a domestically developed rocket by 2010. But the government said today it was pushing up the schedule by five years.

"After the North Korean launch, we feel a public opinion growing that we should put a spur on our space projects," said Yoon Hun-joo, an official at the Science and Technology Ministry. South Korea now has four satellite orbiting Earth, but all of them were launched aboard foreign rockets.

US may provide more food aid to North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is weighing the possibility of providing an additional 300,000 tons of food relief to North Korea, despite signs the country is undertaking an ambitious weapons buildup, an administration official said yesterday. The official said the food issue came up in recent discussions between American and North Korean diplomats in New York.

A final decision will be made after an assessment of North Korea's food situation, the official said. A combination of drought, floods and mismanagement has left the country desperately short of food in recent years. To avert famine this year, UN officials estimated in January, North Korea would need donations of about 1 million tons.

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A self-battered leader

"Power is poison. Its effect on presidents has always been tragic," the American historian Henry Adams wrote of the presidency. With the delivery of Kenneth Starr's 450-page report to the Congress, the "traumatic journey" - in the words of House Judiciary Committee chairman Henry Hyde - will begin. However it ends, it is already clear the Clinton presidency will end as a tragedy in the classic sense, in which a leader deemed successful by the American people will have been brought down by his own tragic flaws.

As late as his infamous August 17 speech, in which he admitted to "misleading" the American people about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, Clinton struck the tone of a victim - expressing regret, but claiming that his private problem was nobody's business. The White House attempt to paint the matter as a private battle with a sexually-obsessed special prosecutor collapsed in a heap last week, when Sen. Joseph Lieberman, a respected Democratic leader and friend of the president, expressed his "personal anger" at being lied to and laid out the "moral consequences" of Clinton's actions.

Lieberman pointed out that, like it or not, the president is a national role model and that "because of the prominence of the moral authority that emanates from his office, [he] sets standards of behavior for the people he serves." While urging the Congress and the public not to rush to judgment, he stated clearly that what is already known is "wrong and unacceptable and should be followed by some measure of public rebuke and accountability."

It is clear from Lieberman's speech and the reaction to it that Democrats, not to mention Republicans, will not be able to ignore evidence of crimes such as perjury, obstruction of justice, and abuse of power. The problem facing Congress is that has only two widely disparate tools at its disposal: censure and impeachment.

The formal censure of Clinton by Congress would be among the most serious actions taken against any president in US history. But if Clinton is found to have committed crimes which could result in a jail sentence, censure would likely be perceived as an inadequate slap on the wrist.

Impeachment, on the other hand, is the political equivalent of the death penalty. It is the "safety valve" of the US Constitution, providing

for the removal of public officials convicted by Congress itself of "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." In short, Congress has the right, and perhaps the duty, to fire the president if he has crossed a line that is not clearly defined.

The job of drawing that line, and measuring whether Clinton has crossed it, is not something that either party relishes. In cynical political terms, the Republicans are not enthusiastic about giving Vice President Al Gore a chance to be president until the presidential elections in 2000.

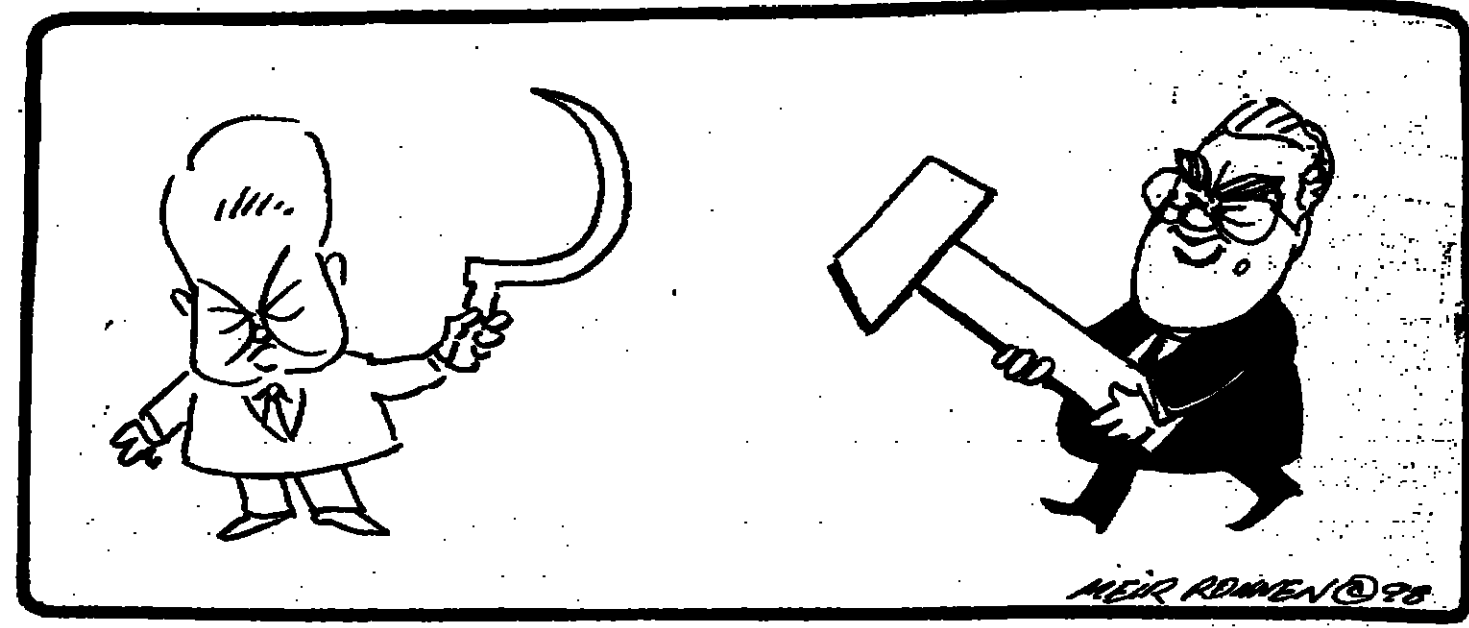
Democrats, by the same cynical logic, may become Clinton's worst enemy in an act of self preservation.

It is also possible that, for different reasons, Democrats, Republicans, and the American people are all thoroughly disgusted by their president's behavior, believe he has committed impeachable offenses, yet do not want to see him impeached. Unlike the precedent looming in everyone's mind - the 1974 impeachment proceedings against Richard Nixon - the core offense in question is not political but sexual. As serious as the accusations against Clinton are, the contemplated punishment is equally serious, leaving Congress with a difficult dilemma.

Though the American people will understandably weigh this dilemma in domestic terms, the repercussions for the world at large are great. At no time since the 1991 Gulf War have global events been in such turmoil. The Asian financial collapse, the implosion in Russia, the North Korean missile test, and Saddam Hussein's breaking out of the UN inspection regime, point to a world that cannot afford a politically paralyzed American president.

Attempts to project a business-as-usual atmosphere fool no one; no White House can operate effectively under a cloud of impeachment. A severely damaged Clinton could conceivably still function internationally if the threat of impeachment is removed, but not before then. It is for the American people, through their representatives, to say if their president will be impeached. The people's choice depends less on what is in the 36 boxes Starr delivered to Congress than on their level of tolerance for a self-battered leader.

The rest of the world, however, should be forgiven for asking that whatever the decision, it be made quickly so that America will not remain absent on the world stage.



Oslo: Dead or alive

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

The late Yitzhak Rabin used to say that the Oslo Agreements were full of holes. Yet the fundamental problem is not the inadequacy of the agreements' provisions, but the assumption that the Palestinian Authority intended to keep them.

What the Israeli architects of Oslo had in mind was recently made clear by Shimon Peres: Israel could not remain both Jewish and democratic if it continued to rule over close to two million Palestinians in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. Sooner or later, they would have the vote and turn the country into a binational state. The solution: Withdraw from "the territories" and let the Palestinians establish a state of their own, which would live peacefully side by side with Israel.

None of this is specified in Oslo, which was touted as a prelude to Palestinian autonomy or a confederation with Jordan. The talk of autonomy was obviously a palliative for an Israeli public warned for years - by Labor as much as by the Right - that a Palestinian state would threaten Israel's existence. Yet the real intent was a return to the partition plan, in the assumption that most Israelis prefer peaceful coexistence to being in Jenin and Kalkilya, or even in Beit El and Shilo - regardless of what this says about their dedication to the Zionist ideal.

Had the PLO subscribed to the Labor government's vision, the agreement would have been well on its way to realization. But something immediately went wrong. The worst wave of terrorism ever to hit Israel began even as the Declaration of Principles was being signed on the White House lawn. By March

1996, after Palestinian terrorists killed 220 Israelis, the process came to a screeching halt - not under Binyamina Netanyahu but under Shimon Peres. The talks with the Palestinians were suspended, the withdrawal from Hebron was cancelled, and total closure was imposed on the territories.

Unable to reconcile carnage with a peace process, Israelis voted in the May elections against the Oslo architects, despite a tremendous

Israeli joined the Palestinian armed forces. Members of the Palestinian Police were caught committing terrorist acts, their orders traced to Palestinian police chief Ghazi Jabali. A December 1995 PA agreement with Hamas permitted terrorist operations, provided they could not be traced to areas controlled by the PA. Arafat's Preventative Security chief Jibril Rajoub confirmed the existence of this arrangement in May and June of this year.

Whether Oslo survives is up to the Palestinians

post-assassination wave of sympathy for Labor. "Territory for peace" seemed acceptable. Territory for terrorism decidedly was not. As Ha'aretz writer Ari Shavit put it: "It was not the rise of Netanyahu which caused the paralysis in the Oslo process, but the paralysis in the Oslo process which caused the rise of Netanyahu."

What troubled Israelis was not just the terrorist war, but the PA's attitude to it. Chairman Yasser Arafat would habitually wave off correspondents' queries about the slaughter of civilians with derisive laughter, and - with typical contempt for human credulity - he repeatedly accused "an OAS-like organization in the Israeli army headed by Ehud Barak" of collaborating with Islamic Jihad in killing Israeli soldiers.

The terrorist groups continued to recruit, train, and openly carry arms in PA areas. Known killers of

NOT ONLY Arafat's 1993 pledge to Rabin to combat terrorism was mocked. Arafat has done nothing about his other pledge: to reject the Covenant. Today only the terminal naivete believe that the Palestinian Covenant, which calls for dismantling Israel, has been changed. The complete Covenant appears on a PA website on the Internet, and the even more outrageous Fatah constitution appears on the Fatah website. The PA has in effect admitted that the Covenant has not been changed, by accepting Dennis Ross's "Note for the Record" of January 1997, which includes a commitment to complete the Covenant's revision.

An unequivocal rejection of the Covenant would have an incalculable educational and psychological impact. The venom of this Palestinian constitution is reflected in every Palestinian textbook, patri-

otic song, and television program. To see seven-year-olds on a TV "children's club" vow to become suicide warriors and throw Israel into the sea, to hear Arafat publicly extolling "the Engineer," Yilve Ayyash, and to witness the burning of Israeli buses in effigy at public rallies sponsored by the PA - is to realize that the Covenant's call for Israel's destruction is not a dead letter.

Is there hope for the Oslo Agreements? A year ago, President Ezer Weizman asked Arafat to declare in Arabic that the armed struggle is over. It is what Egyptian president Anwar Sadat did when he chose the path of peace. Arafat has yet to do so.

The path of peace is what Oslo is about. It is a decision to compromise rather than wage war, a decision to which the Netanyahu government is fully committed. When the Palestinians were faced with a similar decision 50 years ago, they chose war. The result was "the catastrophe," and a half-century of untold suffering for the Palestinian people.

Whether Oslo survives is up to them. If they see it, as Arafat repeatedly says, as part of their 1974 Plan of Stages for the destruction of Israel - a temporary accompaniment to the armed struggle aimed at juggling and weakening Israel - the suffering will continue. If they comply with their commitments to renounce violence and combat terrorism, the process can bring the peace and prosperity they could have had 50 years ago.

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Oslo then and now

NAOMI CHAZAN

well aware of the opposition the accords would invoke, failed to admit at the outset the probability of the escalation of violence and war against its legitimacy. Since almost all painful political transitions have been accompanied by an appalling amount of violence (South Africa and Northern Ireland are but two notable examples), it would have been prudent to avoid undue euphoria and openly forewarn the public that prior to the conclusion of a permanent agreement, it would be difficult to avert the continuation of such outbursts. Publicly acknowledging this prospect may not have reduced the

progress whatsoever has been recorded since the Hebron agreement in late 1996. Immobility in a dynamic framework has only one meaning: deterioration. And the prospects for any real movement in the immediate future remain dim. As a process for negotiating a just and lasting peace, the Oslo framework has failed.

THE ETHOS underlying the Oslo Accords, so eloquently stated in the opening paragraph of the Declaration of Principles, has been the key victim of the unraveling of the political dynamic that it triggered. "The Government of the

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dreadful wave of terrorism, but it might have altered some of the reactions.

Third, the Rabin-Peres government suffered from an overdose of confidence, buttressed by an unfamiliar wave of international acclaim. It could not foresee the horror of the Rabin assassination, nor did it take into account that it would be defeated in the subsequent election.

The step-by-step strategy built into the Oslo concept rests on the premise of ongoing progress culminating in a final settlement. When this logic is upset, as it systematically and purposefully has been in the course of the past two years, the result is paralysis.

Binyamin Netanyahu, a most reluctant partner, has skillfully allowed negotiations to bog down in a myriad of details, and no

State of Israel and the PLO team... agree that it is time to put an end to decades of confrontation and conflict, recognize their mutual legitimate and political rights, and strive to live in peaceful coexistence and mutual dignity and security and achieve a just, lasting, and comprehensive peace settlement and historic reconciliation through the agreed political process."

The initial climate of optimism and the mutual quest for cooperation has given way, sadly, to suspicion and growing mistrust. The vision of disengagement as a road to interaction based on mutual respect and equality has been replaced by separation, acrimony, and increasing non-communication. People-to-people initiatives - a vital source of sustenance, especially when official ties break down - have become all too mea-

ger, constrained by domestic preoccupations and handicapped by the inexcusable technicalities involved in obtaining entry permits, waiting interminably at checkpoints, and worrying about the travails of daily life.

Yet the spirit of Oslo, with its promise of reconciliation, continues to maintain an attractiveness for the vast majority of Israelis and Palestinians who, regardless of whether they support the agreements or not, fervently want a different tomorrow.

The fulfillment of this promise rests in the growing realization that the objectives of the Declaration of Principles are about to be achieved. According to Article I, the aim of the negotiations is to arrive at "a permanent settlement based on Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338." In other words, the solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict inherent in the Oslo Accords has always been understood by proponents and opponents alike as the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

The most serious substantive flaw in the Oslo agreement remains its failure to explicitly declare this goal. Nevertheless, the force of the dynamic it unleashed, however distorted, will lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state in the very near future, even if the process that triggered it dissolves in the interim.

On this fifth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Principles, it is necessary to acknowledge the inevitability of the solution it proposed, and, more importantly, to recapture the spirit that lies at its core. A refurbished framework of negotiations that takes into consideration these realities is now required to protect the long-term interests of both Israelis and Palestinians and salvage the prospects for a comprehensive peace in the region.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US DOUBLE STANDARD

Sir, - You recently reported that the Clinton administration has transferred to the US for prosecution two Arab terrorists suspected in the recent bombings of two American embassies in Africa, in which 12 Americans were killed.

But why has the administration failed to take similar action against the Palestinian Arab terrorists who have murdered 11 Americans in Israel since the Oslo Accords were signed by Israel and the PLO in 1993?

The Israeli government has identified, by name, 12 Palestinian Arabs who took part in attacks in which American citizens were killed. All 12 are now in Yasser Arafat's territory. Israel has given

the Clinton administration their names and detailed information about them, such as the appalling fact that four of them are serving in a branch of Arafat's police force, the Palestinian Preventive Security Services.

Yet the Clinton administration so far hasn't asked Arafat to arrest these or any of the suspects and hand them over to the United States. Incredibly, when I asked Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Pickering about these American victims of Palestinian Arab terrorism, he replied that he was unaware of the issue.

Why the double standard? Why are President Clinton and Secretary of State Albright outspoken about

those who kill Americans in Africa, but have never made public statements about Palestinian Arab killers of Americans?

Why is the Clinton administration offering a \$2 million reward in connection with the Africa bombings - and recently offered \$2m. to catch those who killed several Americans in Pakistan - but has offered no rewards to catch Palestinian Arabs who murdered Americans in Jerusalem or Gaza?

MORTON A. KLEIN
National President,
Zionist Organization of
America.

New York.

BARAK AND THE ORTHODOX

be lack of sincerity. By wooing the Orthodox (which is blatantly what this article is) Barak is betraying half the workforce of this country - the women - who the Orthodox regard and treat as chattels to this day. Ask any aguna.

And the article totally ignores Conservative and Progressive Judaism as if they don't even exist. I've lived in this country since

June 1946, and voted for Labor in every election since the very first one ever held. I feel that Barak should be ashamed of this article and repudiate it immediately, or else resign from his position as chairman of the Labor Party.

C.C. RIMON

Holon.

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SYLVIA PAAMONI
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All former members and their children are invited to join in and meet up with old friends for this celebration bash on the 8th

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JUDIE FATTAL

Har Adar.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On September 11, 1933, *The Palestine Post* commented on the deliberations and resolutions of the 15th Zionist Congress which was held in Prague. "No serious issue had been raised and one felt poignantly the absence of the late Dr. Arlosoroff who had always managed to give all parties subject matter for thought," wrote Mr.

Gershon Agron, the *Post's* founder and first editor.

30 years ago: On September 11, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that Mr. Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, was still fighting Israel and was doing his best to prevent the de-jure recognition of the state by the US. A report from Paris alleged that due to the British influence France, Italy, Belgium,

Holland and Luxembourg had joined in a "gentlemen's agreement," according to which none had as yet recognized the Jewish State.

25 years ago: On September 11, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Cuba had decided to break diplomatic ties with Israel.

Alexander Zvielli

POSTSCRIPT

HOW DO you put a breast on a postage stamp? This was the dilemma of the designer of a breast cancer research stamp issued recently in the US. There's the obvious problem: It can't be pornographic. Or just plain graphic. This picture is going to be stuck on Mother's Day cards, bills and postcards wishing you were here.

The stamp is the first in America to have its net proceeds above the

cost of postage earmarked for medical research.

"It's hard enough to convey a visual message in the tiny space on a stamp, without having the added worry of what to do with that breast," says designer Ethel Kessler, 48. "I'd never want to embarrass anybody."

Kessler settled on an illustration by Baltimore artist Whitney Sherman: an ink line drawing of

the Roman goddess Diana pulling an arrow out of a quiver.

The design features the mythological character with her right arm raised behind her head, a stance recommended by health care professionals for breast self-examination. Yellow letters across the top spell out BREAST CANCER. And, encircling the figure's right breast are the words "Fund the fight. Find a

cure." "The stamp is nicely loaded with messages," says Sherman. "Diana is a hunter and she goes after what's wrong. She's independent, responsible for herself and for her body and well-being. And, she is using the arrow and quiver, which provided an implied target: an arrow goes to a target, it has a mission, just like this stamp has a mission."

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Five years have passed since Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat met in the White House to sign the Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles (the Oslo agreement). At the time, millions of Israelis watched and waited for Arafat to send the Palestinians and their supporters a clear and strong message declaring terrorism to be off-limits.

We are still waiting. In July 1993, toward the climax of the negotiations, Rabin suddenly realized that in the multiple rounds of secret talks, Israeli security requirements had been neglected. According to Yossi Beilin's account, Rabin declared that "for me, the central issue is terror... It is inconceivable that we will sign an agreement with the

IN SPEECHES in mosques and public squares, Arafat and other Palestinian leaders called for jihad and referred to the suicide bombers from Hamas as martyrs for the Palestinian cause. Official Palestinian Authority television carries hate-filled anti-Israeli propaganda, and this is also the theme of Palestinian summer camps.

Occasionally, when forced by American pressure, Arafat or one of his aides has released a vague statement regretting the loss of life, but these are not substitutes for ringing public condemnations, in Arabic, directed at the Palestinian masses. Even the process of repealing the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant that call for the destruction of Israel is left deliberately vague, demonstrating the lack of commitment to removing the foundation for terror.

We are still waiting for Yasser Arafat to send his people a clear message condemning terrorism

Palestinians without a PLO pledge to end terrorism."

When Rabin pressed for a specific and public Palestinian commitment in the text of the DOP, Beilin and Shimon Peres tried to divert him with the preamble, in which both sides state their commitment to peace. This ambiguous formulation failed to satisfy the security-oriented prime minister, who ordered that negotiators find a clear formula for renouncing terrorism.

However, Rabin's involvement came too late, and as the deadline approached, he gave up on including an explicit anti-terror clause in the written agreement. The focus shifted to the White House ceremony. Here, Arafat was repeatedly assured, Arafat would reject terror in clear and demonstrative terms, in Arabic, and before the Palestinian masses and the rest of the Arab world. In this speech, Arafat was expected to tell Palestinians and Arabs to accept the legitimacy of Israel, thereby removing the ideological basis for violence.

Instead, Arafat came to the White House in his quasi-military uniform, packing a gun, and symbolizing the victory of what Palestinians called their armed struggle. In his speech, Arafat referred frequently to the pain and suffering of "my people," but there was no reference to Israeli suffering and no statement denouncing or renouncing violence.

After Oslo, even as Israeli forces were withdrawing from Gaza and Jericho, and the "peace process" was at its height, Palestinian terrorism increased to unprecedented levels. Israelis were killed in suicide attacks, bus bombings, double bombings to kill people who went to save victims of the initial blast, drive-by shootings, and other forms of murder.

So, five years after Oslo, and on the verge (maybe) of another agreement and more transfer of territory to Palestinian control, we are still waiting for this speech.

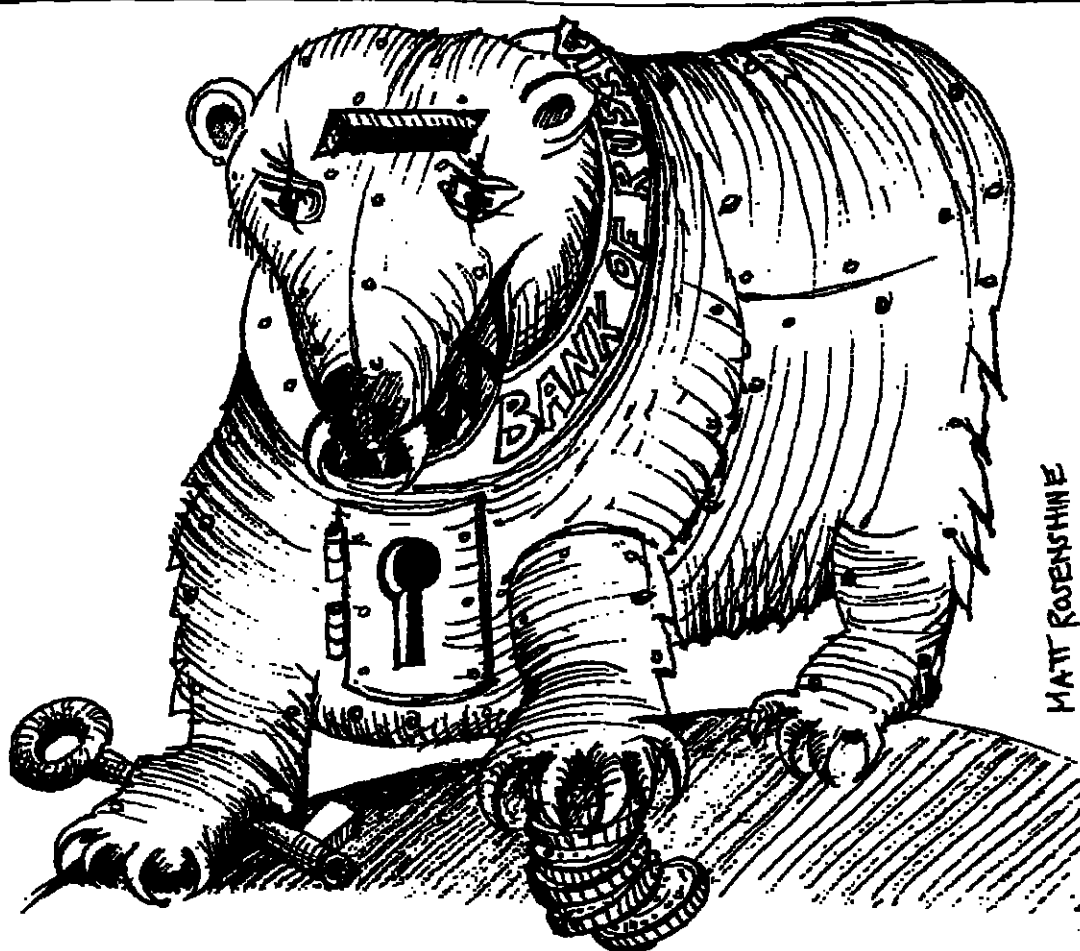
Arafat has responded to the recent attacks with the same silence, tacitly approving the continuing use of terror as a political tool. For Israelis, peace means personal security, and in the face of Arafat's silence, the Oslo agreement has turned out to be a naive experiment gone terribly wrong.

The impact of Arafat's acceptance or even encouragement of terror is not confined to Israel. Each act of global terrorism is linked, and every explosive act encourages other zealots to make their mark and vent their anger through mass killings. The attacks on the US embassies in Africa are the latest example.

The response to terror in Northern Ireland provides a sharp contrast and an important lesson. After the mass attack in Omagh carried out by a radical Catholic group calling itself the "Real IRA," and similar to the Hamas bombings, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams did not remain silent or leave any room for doubt. In sharp contrast to Arafat, Adams immediately went before the cameras and with no hesitation declared: "With no qualification whatsoever, I condemn what has happened."

The message was clear to all his followers, and the splinter group that was responsible for the attack was forced to apologize for the killing of innocent people, and to declare a "complete cease-fire."

When such words are heard from Arafat and other Palestinian leaders, not just once, but repeatedly, and are backed by consistent action, the peace process for Israel will have begun.



Crying all the way

MOSHE ARENS

The television coverage of Russians pushing and shoving while standing in long lines before banks in Moscow in the vain hope of recovering at least a part of their savings brought home to viewers throughout the world the extent of Russia's economic crisis, a crisis that has put the world's stock exchanges into free fall.

What happened in Russia was bound to happen. After the collapse of the Communist order, a high percentage of Russia's vast resources fell into the hands of a new class of "robber barons" who were quick to transfer their ill-gotten wealth abroad, leaving Russia and the Russian people that much poorer.

Their economic power was then used to dictate Boris Yeltsin's moves, preventing him from carrying out much-needed economic reforms. Having attained control of the country's major banks, it suddenly transpired that they had funneled depositors' savings into accounts from which the money was not likely to return. The banks are now insolvent and the depositors' savings have disappeared.

The crisis in Russia followed the collapse of the Southeast Asian economies - Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and South Korea. Japan, the world's second-largest economy, is in a state of stagnation for the past few years, has moved into a recession that may well turn into a full-blown depression. There is no doubt that the economies of the US and Western Europe will be adversely affected by these developments.

One of the causes of these crises is corruption. Rampant in Indonesia and Russia, it has enriched the unscrupulous few and contributed to the impoverishment of most of the population. In Indonesia, it was for-

mer president Suharto, his extended family and retinue that treated that country's riches as their own.

In Russia, the hasty and disorganized process of privatization that followed the collapse of the communist system permitted fast-moving unscrupulous opportunists to put their hands on many of Russia's vast natural resources. From there, it was only a small step before this new oligarchy took control of the banks and the media, making corruption a way of life in the new pseudo-capitalist society that is today's Russia.

In South Korea, viewed as an economic miracle in past years, unwise government interference over the years has finally pushed the economy into crisis. The funneling of funds from the government to the banks and from there to the Chaebols, South Korea's corporate giants, turned them into vast industrial empires, many of whose investments were economically unjustified. In the final analysis, the banks that had lent the money for these ill-conceived ventures were left holding the bag.

ALL OF the countries whose economies are now in trouble had one thing in common - poorly managed banking systems. And as has now become abundantly clear, when the banks, a key element of the economic system, are poorly managed, they turn out to be the weakest link in a country's economic structure. They become insolvent when many of the loans they provided cannot be repaid, sending a shock wave through the entire economy.

By "cooking" the banks' books

their true state may be kept a secret from their depositors and the general public for a while, but eventually the truth is bound to surface. This happened in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, South Korea and Russia.

It has now become clear that in Japan, the economic giant and miracle of the second half of the 20th century, many of the major banks are bankrupt. By failing to adjust their balance sheets for the bursting of Japan's real estate bubble and the resulting evaporation of the collateral on their books, their insolvency was swept under the carpet for a while. The central bank was deficient in calling them to account, and successive Japanese governments have lacked the courage or the will to straighten out the mess.

Wherever there has been a process of "asset inflation," whether a real estate bubble or a stock market reaching for the sky, banks have faced the challenge of restraining credit to investors intent on investing in these bubbles and of setting aside sufficient reserves to provide for the possibility that the bubble may burst.

Asset inflation has taken place on the New York stock exchanges during the past year, where stock prices have reached levels out of proportion to companies' earnings prospects. But there seems to be no cause for worry regarding the US banking system.

In Israel, the stock market has been in a state of depression during the past years. However, real estate prices reached levels that could not be justified by international standards. Only lately have they started coming down to more reasonable levels. Hopefully our bank managers, having learned the bitter lesson of the stock-rigging scandal of the 1980s, have taken all the necessary precautions.

The real embarrassment

MARK A. HELLER

There is something pathetic about Dennis Ross's latest visit. It has nothing at all to do with Ross himself - he is the American government's institutional memory for the peace process and has literally educated several American presidents and secretaries of state about its history and complexities.

Ross is a highly capable, dedicated and conscientious mediator doing the best job possible under the circumstances, and he is not the problem. The problem is the circumstances in which he is being sent - and that doesn't mean Monica Lewinsky.

Four months ago, the US threatened (or promised) not to renege in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations until the parties themselves had made the hard decisions needed to break the impasse.

failed to abide by the terms of the agreement worked out by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan during the February 1998 crisis. The reason, according to Ritter, was the fear that exposure of prohibited Iraqi activity would force the US into a confrontation that it preferred to avoid.

RITTER has no inhibitions about blaming Madeleine Albright - he even accuses her of preventing more inspections than Saddam Hussein - but it is inconceivable that this reversal of policy could have come about without presidential approval. If there is any truth to Ritter's allegations - and the ferocity of the administration's attempts to discredit him strongly suggests that there is - it means that congressional critics who are more interested in the subversion

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Unless there has been a momentous change entirely hidden from the view of those not directly involved, this has not happened, and there are therefore a lot of pundits who believe that this visit is explained by President Bill Clinton's domestic troubles, specifically, his need to rebuild his credibility as a leader and rescue himself from the threat of impeachment hanging over his head as a result of the Monica Lewinsky affair.

This interpretation completely misreads the nature of the problem. If Clinton is really in serious trouble - and it looks as though he is - a success in foreign affairs is not going to make any difference.

If Clinton's brilliant performance in Ireland did not restore his luster, another Arab-Israeli signing ceremony, especially about something so arcane and banal as the second redeployment, is not going to make a critical difference - not to his popularity, and certainly not to his legal standing.

On the other hand, an agreement on redeployment might distract attention from another embarrassment for Clinton and for his secretary of state: the duplicity surrounding the collapse of American policy on Iraq.

Last month, Scott Ritter, an American inspector, resigned from the United Nations Special Commission. Since then, he has been exposing the dirty little secret behind UNSCOM's inactivity since the spring:

The American government was pressuring UNSCOM to cancel inspections of locations suspected of housing elements of Iraq's missile and weapons of mass destruction programs, even as it continued to issue dire warnings about serious consequences if Saddam

of American policy than in the details of the president's love life have really serious reasons to reject Clinton's leadership.

And Albright, who tried to distance herself from her mild-mannered predecessor and make a reputation for herself as a tough customer, now looks merely dishonest, if not altogether ridiculous. But since an American success in one part of the Middle East might at least partially compensate for failure in another, there is nothing to lose by trying.

In any event, this rationale for another trip by Dennis Ross is far more compelling than the desire to distract attention from the perils of special prosecutor Kenneth Starr. If this interpretation is correct, it speaks volumes about both the integrity of the American leadership and the sanity of the American political system. Whatever Clinton did with Monica should be nobody else's business.

The real grounds for impeachment should be what he and Albright did with Saddam.

ON WEDNESDAY, by the way, the Prime Minister's Office released a list of 20 Palestinian Authority institutions operating in Jerusalem in violation of the Oslo 2 agreement and the Hebron Protocol. Item 1 on the list reads as follows: Ministry for Jerusalem Affairs - located in the Orient House and run by PA Minister for Jerusalem Affairs Faisal Husseini, it functions as a base for Palestinian activities in the city, including organizing protests and press conferences, raising funds, and purchasing Jerusalem real estate on behalf of the PA.

Didn't candidate Benjamin Netanyahu promise to close Orient House?

One Jew, wanting to marry another Jew, is not racist

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

Deciding whether to respond to Bernard Wasserstein is always a tricky question. The man so clearly writes for the pleasure of irritating that to react plays into his hands. While most of us outgrow the desire to be an enfant terrible sometime in early adolescence, the taste apparently lingers longer in certain British academic circles.

Unfortunately, Wasserstein's recent celebration of interfaith marriage - "It's a mitzva" - on this page is only an extreme example of an increasingly prevalent attitude rooted in classic German Reform. For many German Reform Jews, the rising intermarriage rate was both proof of growing Christian acceptance of Jews and of Jewish progress towards universalistic and humanistic values.

Leo Baeck, one of the leaders of pre-war German Reform once said that if there had been a Jew in every German family, the Holocaust would never have occurred. (The high rate of intermarriage in pre-war Germany and the Nazis' ability to ferret out anyone with the slightest trace of "Jewish blood" would seem a clear rebuttal to that theory.)

If American Jews do not yet as community openly celebrate interfaith marriage, they have, in the words of Steven Cohen, director of the 1990 National Jewish Population Study, made their peace with it. Mainstream communal organizations take an increasingly tolerant stand towards intermarriage, as secular leaders and their children intermarry like everybody else. One-quarter of Reform leaders under 40, for instance, are married to non-Jews.

A 1972 Reform study placed the percentage of Reform rabbis performing interfaith marriages at over 40% (with 100% willing to refer the couple to rabbis who do perform intermarriages). That percentage has surely grown as the intermarriage rate skyrockets.

Today, the Forward reports, a Reform rabbi who does not officiate at interfaith marriages may have great difficulty finding a job. Hundreds of Reform rabbis openly advertise their willingness to perform interfaith marriages, making intermarriage not only a "mitzva" but a lucrative one at that.

Some within the American Jewish

community have gone so far as to portray interfaith marriages as a boon, an opportunity to inject new blood. That claim, however, is not only counter-intuitive but counter-factual. Today in America, there are more children under nine being raised in homes where only one of the parents is Jewish than those being raised in homes in which both parents are Jewish.

(479,000 versus 410,000).

In the former homes, 41% of the children are raised as non-Jews and 31% without any religion. Two-thirds of such mixed homes have Christmas trees while only 20% celebrate Jewish holidays. Not surprisingly, 90% of the children of these mixed marriages themselves marry non-Jews. (The chilling statistics can all be found in Elliot Abrams, *Faith or Fear: How Can Jews Survive in Christian America*.)

Non-Jews are such a large presence in American Reform congregations that Reform historian Michael Meyer warns of a religion so syncretized with Christian elements that conversion for non-Jewish spouses will be besides the point.

OBVIOUSLY such a community cannot long exist. And Bernard Wasserstein would not deny that. His cheery response is: So what? Ethnic groups are disappearing all over the world without such whining. Why not the Jews? (An odd view indeed for one whose salary is paid by contributors to the Oxford Jewish Centre, many of whom presumably have some interest in Jewish continuity.)

Nations and religions are nothing but human constructs, in Wasserstein's view, and as such deserve to disappear if they are not perceived as meeting

those needs. His ideal world is one comprised exclusively of autonomous individuals unbound by ties of history. Any form of group loyalty is, in his view, primitive, retrograde, even racist.

Though he does not explicitly say so, the very idea of a Jewish state is repugnant to Wasserstein, and certainly laws such as the Law of Return that confer certain rights on Jews. For him, Zionism is racist.

To be sure, Jewish nationalism unconnected to Judaism can easily degenerate into the unattractive worship of gene pools and romanticization of the past. If there is no meaning in being a Jew, it is hard to see why the survival of a distinct Jewish people should matter. As David Klinghoffer, literary editor of *National Review* puts it: If nothing happened at Sinai, we might as well all become Episcopals and call it a day.

For the religious Jew, by contrast, Jews are bound by the giving of Torah at Sinai. Sinai is not a past event but an ongoing mission. That shared mission, binds us to one another.

In that view, the importance of Jewish continuity is self-evident. The entire fate of the world depends on fulfillment of our national mission.

Though we believe that our forefathers imbued every Jew with certain unique spiritual capacities, there is nothing racist in that view, contrary to what Wasserstein charges. Any human being who seeks to join us in our spiritual mission by committing himself to the Torah, just as our ancestors did, may do so and become a full Jew in every sense.

Nor is there anything racist about our insistence on marrying other Jews.

There is more to marriage than physical attraction - "man embraces woman," as Wasserstein begins - or intellectual stimulation or emotional compatibility, as important as all these may be. There are also shared values, a common sense of purpose in life.

The decision to marry another Jew is one to make shared spiritual goals paramount. Only together with someone who shares our sense of mission can we build a home that will be another link in the chain that goes back to Sinai.

Rabbi Yosef's shocking remarks

MICHAEL MARMUR

In my edition of the teachings of the Vilna Gaon and of Maimonides, a somewhat different approach to the study of science appears. The former did indeed encourage the intensive study of the Torah, but he studied contemporary disciplines, and encouraged the translation into Hebrew of works crucial for scientific and historical research. It was indeed

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the Gaon of Vilna who wrote wistfully of those deprived of scientific knowledge: "To the degree that a man is lacking in knowledge and secular sciences, he will lack 100-fold in the wisdom of the Torah."

BUT SO FAR, all we see before us is a mild misreading of the work of a great master. Presumably a greater problem for Rabbi Ovadia is the fact that his stated views bring him up against his own great and unquestioned master, Maimonides. For it is Maimonides who writes in the introduction to the *Guide of the Perplexed* that God wishes us to be perfected and the state of societies to be improved by His laws. To this end we must perfect our intellects, "and this divine science cannot become actual except after a study of natural science."

Inevitably, thoughts of Maimonides and the history of the encounter between Judaism and Islam lead to Prof. Hava Lazarus-Yafeh, doyenne of Islamic studies in this generation, who died this week.

It was her belief that Judaism could be enriched by opening itself up to the study of the cultures surrounding and influencing it. And she was heir to a tradition which sees in research and free inquiry part of the human search for meaning in the world.

If our children are going to be active and rooted participants in the future, we would do well to teach them in the spirit of her approach. To present Judaism and the scientific spirit as two opposing forces is to do a grave disservice to the facts, and grave harm to the cause of a vibrant Judaism in our time. To suggest that the study of the Talmud is, in and of itself, an entire curriculum for young Israelis at the end of the 20th century is - well, what is it? Unwise? Outrageous? Retrograde?

The shock of Yosef's comment is made greater by the fact that he is indeed an eminent and brilliant man, and an heir to a superb intellectual tradition. It is made still greater when one considers that this man stands at the head of the pyramid: His stated views become policy at the moment of their utterance.

I believe that there are Jews of all ethnic backgrounds and theological commitments who believe passionately in their Judaism, and who are not prepared to close all doors to the outside world as a result. The idea that you have to choose between science and Judaism does not reflect the finest traditions of Judaism.

Rabbi Ovadia Yosef is entitled to his opinions, and he may choose to lead his movement in any direction he sees fit. But any analysis of Israel's long-term economic, social, and spiritual prospects indicates that the corridor down which he was walking when he made his remarks is leading either to a dead end or to a black hole.

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Crimes, misdemeanors & Clinton's conduct

With independent counsel Kenneth Starr's long-awaited report now in, Congress must decide: Exactly what kind of presidential misconduct is grounds for impeachment? The answer is far from clear, write Ruth Marcus and Juliet Eilperin

With the investigation of President Clinton becoming a central concern for Congress, lawmakers have begun to grapple with the question that independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's report will force them to confront: Do Clinton's actions amount to impeachable offenses?

For four years, Starr has sifted microscopically through the assorted scandals of the Clinton administration. For eight months he has delved into the president's relationship with a White House intern.

REP. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., a Judiciary Committee member who served as an aide to a panel Democrat during the impeachment proceedings against President Richard M. Nixon 24 years ago, emphasized that impeachment is meant not to punish a president, but to protect the nation and its citizens against abuses of power.

"It's very clear that impeachment was really meant to be a between-elections remedy for behavior that endangered the system of government on the part of the chief executive," Lofgren said.

Wednesday, with barely a few minutes warning, two vans from Starr's office arrived on the Capitol plaza and changed the American political landscape. In one dramatic, televised moment, the focal point of the Clinton investigation moved from the independent counsel to Congress, and the long-running inquiry into the president's actions became a prelude for possible impeachment.

Now, for only the second time this century, Congress - starting with the House Judiciary Committee - will have to decide what the Constitution means by "high crimes and misdemeanors" when it comes to the president.

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Members must sift through more than 200 years of history while calibrating the politics of the moment to reach consensus on whether this president's conduct in the Monica S. Lewinsky matter warrants expulsion from his post.

Judiciary Committee members met Wednesday to discuss how to deal with Starr's report. Meetings among leaders of both parties were aimed at hashing out the intricate series of procedural steps that would set the impeachment process in motion.

"This is what we call in the deep South new ground that we're plowing. We've never been through this before," said Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., a senior Judiciary Committee member and one of several members of that panel who offered their varying interpretations of impeachment in interviews last week.

The framers created a strong president, but included in the constitutional scheme what legal scholar Raoul Berger once called a "safety valve" in the form of impeachment, providing a mechanism for ousting the chief executive before his term of office expires.

But Coble offered an illustration of the warring impulses that lawmakers feel on the topic.

"If a president committed perjury, I think he's committed an offense that warrants impeachment," Coble said, immediately adding, "That doesn't mean I'm going to vote for impeachment."

As the debate moves forward, both sides will marshal arguments derived from centuries-old English impeachment cases, from the debates over the Constitution itself, and from the various impeachments that the House has carried out. Already, the majority and minority staffs of the Judiciary Committee have conducted extensive legal research on the issue.

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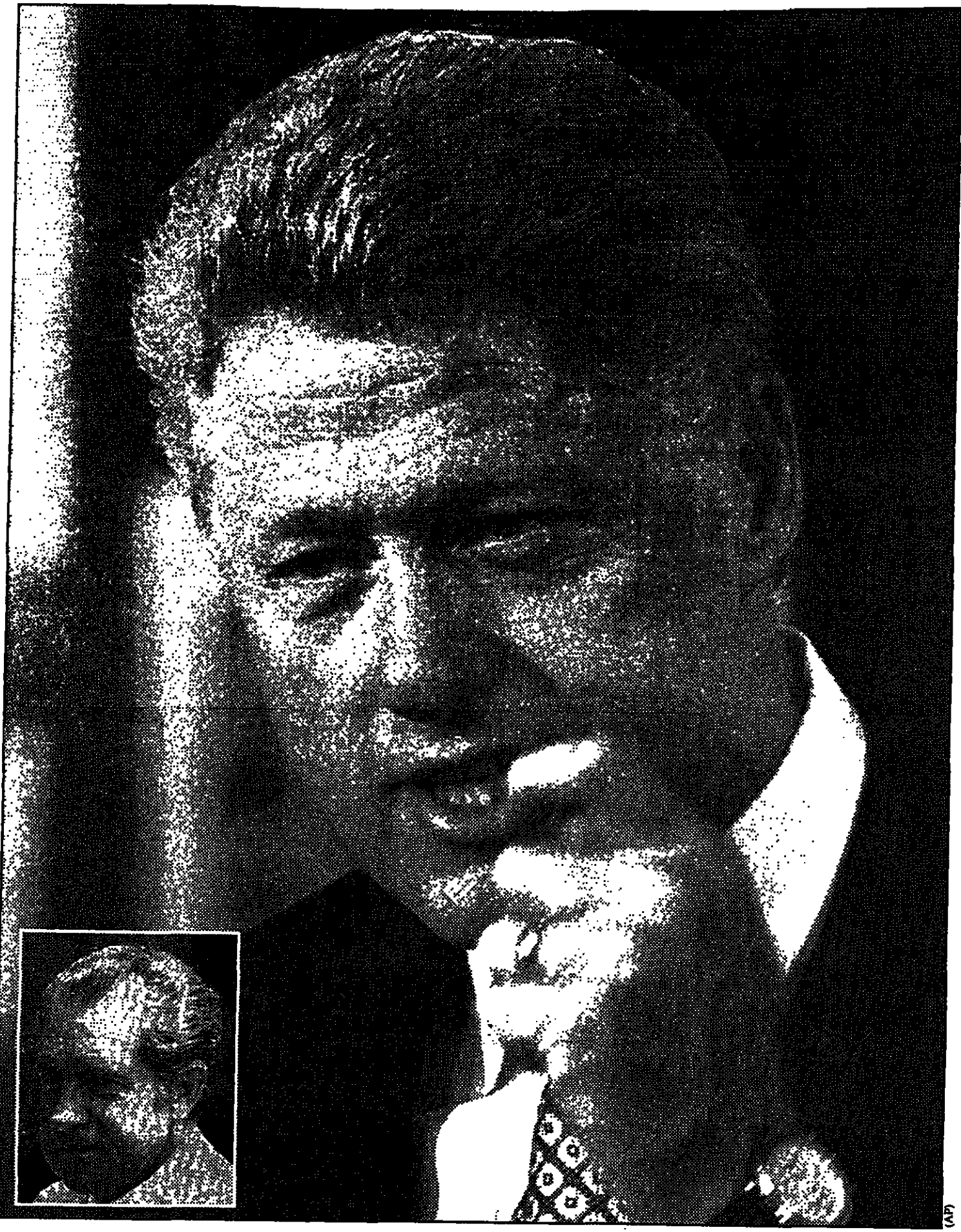
The Constitution states that the president may be impeached by a majority of the House for "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors" and, upon conviction by two-thirds of the Senate, removed from office.

Starr's report is expected to address whether Clinton lied under oath in the Paula Jones civil case when he denied an affair with Lewinsky, whether he encouraged her to lie as well, and whether he obstructed justice in the case. But even if members accept Starr's factual conclusions, they will face the more agonizing questions of what those facts mean: Must the House conclude that President Clinton engaged in criminal conduct in order to find that he committed "high crimes and misdemeanors," or may actions that do not constitute crimes be sufficiently grave to rise to the level of impeachable offenses?

Conversely: Are some criminal actions either not significant enough, or not closely enough related to the president's official duties to warrant impeachment and removal from office?

Clinton's critics can be expected to argue that his actions constituted either criminal violations or an abuse of power so grave as to warrant his removal.

His defenders will likely counter that his misconduct involved his personal life, not his official duties, and that - however reprehensible - it does not reflect presidential misbehavior so severe as to deserve that ultimate sanction.



Presidents in a predicament: A tense Bill Clinton during a speech in Orlando this week; Richard Nixon (inset) resigned from office during impeachment proceedings 24 years ago.

removal makes the idea of Clinton's removal "less scary. It was done once before - a president was forced out of office and so we created a precedent that makes it easier to do," he said.

William & Mary law professor Michael Gerhardt, author of a book on impeachment, said there were both similarities and differences between the two presidents.

"The allegations against Nixon were at their core about his use of official power in abusive ways and ways that exceeded their proper scope," he said.

While the facts involving Clinton's actions are still emerging, he said, "it's not so much his direct exercise of power that's at issue but his having done things

ment against him.

Nixon was accused of "using the powers of his high office" to obstruct justice by interfering with the investigation of the Watergate break-in; one of the many elements cited in the impeachment article was that Nixon made "false or misleading public statements for the purpose of deceiving the people of the United States."

He was also charged with violating his constitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed" by misusing the Internal Revenue Service, FBI and other agencies to investigate political enemies; and by defying a congressional subpoena.

The independent counsel statute enacted in the wake of Watergate specifically provides a mechanism for the prosecutor to send to Congress evidence of impeachable offenses, but Starr would be the first to submit such a report. The law requires the independent counsel to report to Congress "any substantial and credible information... that may constitute grounds for impeachment."

SOME legal scholars have suggested that this provision grants too much power to the independent counsel to decide for himself what might constitute an impeachable offense, because that is ultimately a congressional determination.

"Impeachment is a mechanism that is a political check and it seems to me inappropriate or troubling to have an independent counsel... influence the impeachment inquiry to that extent," said Georgetown University law professor Julie O'Sullivan.

Nonetheless, with Starr's report now in, lawmakers will have to address whether the evidence he has amassed amounts to "high crimes and misdemeanors" - a term that is nowhere defined in the Constitution and that, as House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., said in January shortly after the Lewinsky scandal erupted, the framers left "deliberately vague."

As then-Rep. Gerald R. Ford put it in 1970, during the impeachment investigation of Justice William O. Douglas, "an impeachable offense is whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be at a given moment in history."

impeachments, "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Those sound like technical legal terms referring to specific crimes, and, indeed, during the Watergate impeachment proceedings, Nixon's lawyer, James St. Clair, contended that a president may be impeached "only for indictable crimes clearly set forth in the Constitution."

However, most legal scholars agree that the phrase does not necessarily require a criminal offense. Rather, they say, the phrase "high crimes" suggests abuses against the state.

REVIEWING the relatively scant historical examples of US impeachment proceedings in 1974, the House Judiciary impeachment staff said they fell into three broad categories: exceeding the constitutional bounds of the powers of the office; behaving in a manner "grossly incompatible with the proper function and purpose of the office;" and using the office for an improper purpose or personal gain.

"Not all presidential misconduct is sufficient to constitute grounds for impeachment," the report concluded. "Because impeachment of a president is a grave step for the nation, it is to be predicated only upon conduct seriously incompatible with either the constitutional form and principles of our government or the proper performance of constitutional duties of presidential office."

Since then, three federal judges have been impeached and removed from office, two of them for actions that did not directly involve their official duties.

US District Judge Harry E. Claiborne was removed from office in 1986 for filing false income tax returns and thereby "bringing the federal courts and the administration of justice by the courts into disrepute." And US District Judge Walter L. Nixon Jr. was convicted in 1989 of making false statements to a grand jury investigating allegations that he accepted an illegal gratuity in exchange for influencing a state criminal prosecution.

However, the judicial impeachments may not provide a clear guide for how to handle allegations against presidents because the Constitution grants judges lifetime tenure subject to their "good behavior" in office, a provision that does not apply to presidents.

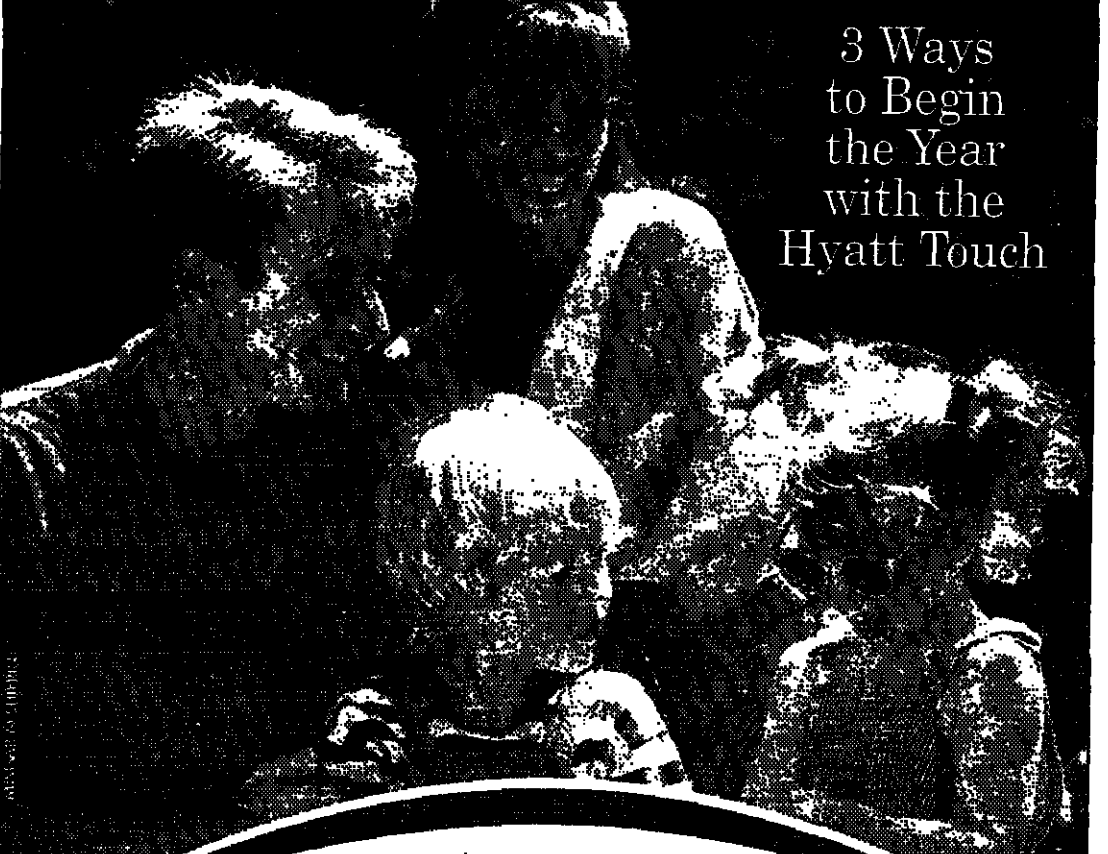
David O. Stewart, who represented Walter Nixon in his impeachment proceeding, noted that Congress's assessment of what constitutes impeachable offenses appears to have been expanding in recent years.

"If you look at both Claiborne and Nixon, they were impeached for conduct off the bench that did not relate to abuse of their office," he said. "Nevertheless they were prosecuted in ways that 80 years ago they probably wouldn't have been, and they were impeached - and 50 years ago they wouldn't have been."

"There has been some evolution in our standards there. This notion that you go back to 17th-century England to find the standards is not what's going to happen."

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Eerily empty at Assaf Harofeh: But government hospitals' emergency rooms were open as usual during last week's strike. (Israel Sun)

The striking truth

Larry Derfner asks the experts why Israelis seem to wallow in a sea of perpetual labor unrest

Do you think people who live in Israel are the world's worst victims of union strikes?

Are you convinced that nowhere else do people have to endure, year after year, what Israelis endured over the last two weeks—days on end without school, garbage collection and most bureaucratic services because the country's entire public sector was once again shut down?

If so, then Hebrew University's Prof. Avraham Friedman, one of Israel's leading authorities on labor relations, has some important information to pass on: You are absolutely right.

"In terms of frequency of public-sector strikes, Israel has always been near the top, and in the last five or six years we have become No. 1," said Friedman, who heads the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies.

The only country he could think of that can be compared to Israel in its "predilection for general strikes in the public sector is Sweden. The US isn't even close, he said, mainly because unions bargain separately.

If clerks go on strike, nurses don't go out with them. If teachers go on strike in Chicago, they don't also strike in Los Angeles, he said.

Here, of course, public-sector workers all walk out together. It's been happening about once a year for nearly the whole decade.

One other difference about the US, Friedman noted, is that federal employees are forbidden by law to strike.

In Europe, the most strike-prone countries are France and Italy, he said, but there strikes come most frequently in industry, which has less of an effect on the public.

"One of the main reasons that there aren't many public-sector strikes in these countries is that there are four or five rival unions in the public sector, which makes it easier for the employers to divide and conquer."

In some European countries, public-sector strikes are illegal, Friedman added.

Ben-Gurion University's Dr. Ran Chermesh, chairman of the Israel Association for Industrial Relations Research, agreed that Israel was unusual in the nearly routine way that the public sector gets shut down nationwide because of a labor dispute.

"The likelihood of strikes in the public sector depends on the size of the public sector's presence in the economy," he said, noting that in Israel, a relatively large proportion of citizens makes their living on the state payroll.

But he said the damage done to the Israeli public's daily life was exaggerated.

"If you went into a hospital during the strike, do you think you wouldn't find doctors and nurses working? They were working."

Nearly all the government offices were working as well, because employees defied the strike.

In some cases, Chermesh noted, the laws against public-sector strikes are more stringent in Israel than elsewhere.

"In the US there were some local police strikes that had a dangerous, terrifying effect. In Israel the police are forbidden to organize for collective bargaining—just like the military."

BUT Friedman and Chermesh agreed that the unified nature of labor relations in Israel's public sector—the Histadrut leadership represents all the workers, the Finance Ministry represents all the employers—is why the whole country feels it whenever negotiations reach a brick wall.

In the US the AFL-CIO, the umbrella organization for all unions except the teamsters, cannot enter into contract negotiations; this is done by the locals, which negotiate with their separate employers, Friedman said.

In Scandinavia there are large unions handling contract negotiations, said Chermesh, but labor-employer relations are more stable, and public-sector strikes are less frequent—although longer—than in Israel, said Chermesh.

Aside from the structure of labor relations, internal changes in the Histadrut in recent years have also made the union more inclined to strike, Friedman noted.

"Ever since the Histadrut cut its ties to Kupat Holim Clalit in 1994, and afterwards effectively stopped

managing pension funds, its only function is to get better wages and conditions for employees. If Amir Peretz and the leadership of the Histadrut aren't leading a strike, then the workers ask: What are you doing for us?" Friedman said.

"The weakening of the national Histadrut has made the works committees—the Israel Electric Corp., Bezeq, Mekorot, Ben-Gurion Airport and others—much stronger and independent," he continued.

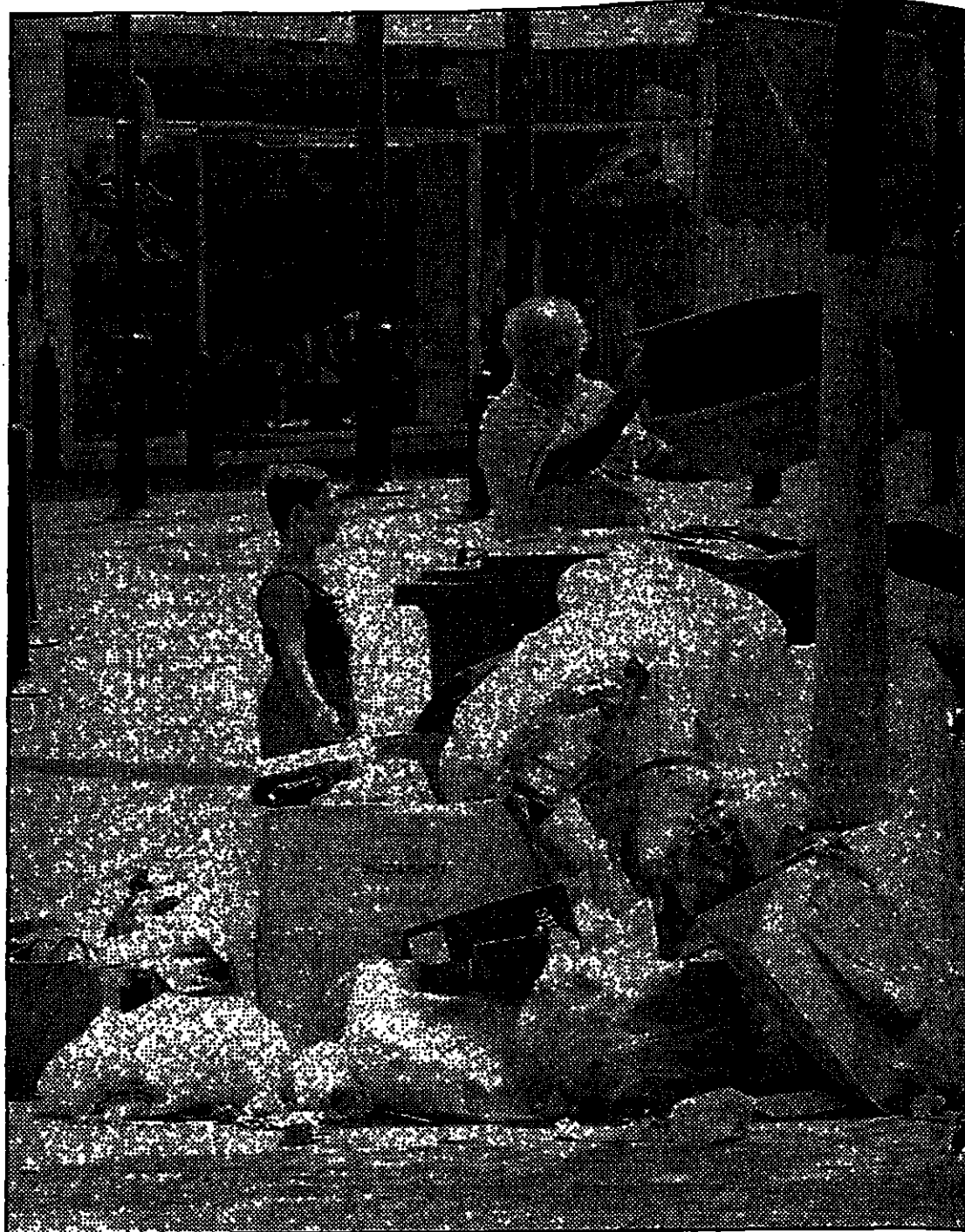
"The works committees also collect their own union dues, which makes them financially independent from the Histadrut. These committees are very militant, and they can push Peretz and the national leadership into a strike against their better judgment."

Israel's Teachers' Union resembles no foreign counterpart so much as the feared New York City Teachers' Union, Friedman continued. "Their contracts are similar, their political power is similar," he noted. Shalom Levin, who ran the Israel Teachers' Union in the 1970s, was at the time likened to New York's Al Shanker, the legendary teachers' leader whose motto was, "Everything is a power struggle."

YET if Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman has his way, it will be extremely tough for the Histadrut to strike the public sector again. His proposal, to be debated in the Knesset, would require all public-sector strikes to first have the support of a majority of the affected membership, which would be polled by secret ballot.

The US initiated such a law in the mid-1940s, and it is still on the books, Chermesh said. "At first it set off a wave of strikes; now people have somehow learned to live with it," he noted.

They don't live with it well,



Strikes create a whole lot of stink as uncollected garbage piles up. (Israel Sun)

though, added Friedman. "What happens is that in order to win majority support, union leaders promise the membership that they'll get a 50% raise in the strike, when they know that they'll be lucky to get 5%. Then afterwards the membership sees reality for what it is."

"Because of the law there have been few public-sector strikes in America, but the ones that have occurred have been long and very bitter." Australia recently enacted the law, Chermesh said, and the result was "natural disaster."

Margaret Thatcher enacted a version of that law around 1990, and found to her dismay "that union workers tended to vote 90% in favor of strikes. This rebuffed the popular notion that the rank and file tend to be moderate, and only the leadership is militant," said Hebrew University professor Frances Radey, an expert in labor law.

However, British Conservatives toughened the procedure a couple of years ago requiring the unions, not the government, to finance the hugely expensive strike ballots—and this had the effect of inhibiting strikes, Radey noted, adding that Britain's current Labor government is "reconsidering" the law.

THERE is another, older method of avoiding strikes—compulsory arbitration—but it is hardly ever

used in Israel, unlike in Canada, New Zealand and some other countries, said Friedman. In arbitration the union presents its demands, the employer presents its offer, and the arbitrator chooses between them, or may come up with a third solution—which both sides have to abide by.

"The Finance Ministry doesn't want to go to arbitration because it doesn't want to relinquish its sovereignty over determining public-sector salaries," Friedman said. "The Histadrut doesn't like arbitration because it then gives up its power in numbers [of workers]," Chermesh said.

The frequency of strikes in the Israeli public sector, Friedman said, has historical roots. "We are the only country whose industrialists were imported from abroad, and who basically had a socialist, not capitalist, approach. We had unions before we had most factories," he said.

Few countries treat the right to strike as reverently as Israel does, Friedman continued, and this view "no longer has much support among the public." He said labor relations in Israel are going to have to be updated in line with changing public sentiment.

He urged that the Histadrut and the government be compelled to start taking their disputes to arbitration. Radey recommended that Israel borrow from the Canadian

model, in which unions have the unilateral right to choose the way labor disputes are settled—by strike or arbitration.

She noted that if a Canadian union chooses to call a strike, it is bound by law to keep vital services like hospitals and utilities operating—which the Histadrut tends to do anyway when it goes on strike.

But when asked to cite the one most useful lesson Israel could learn from abroad in order to diminish public-sector strikes, Friedman, Chermesh and Radey all agreed: Reduce the tremendous wage gap in the public sector between union employees and top managers.

"I don't think any arbitrator would endorse a contract [like the one currently in force in Israel's public sector] in which the lowest rung on the wage scale is below the legal minimum wage," said Radey.

Friedman pointed out, "The Finance Ministry can say the Histadrut doesn't have the right to strike for higher wages when there is hardly any inflation, but on the other hand the heads of the state-owned companies are earning many times more than the union workers."

The Finance Ministry itself, Chermesh noted, is top-heavy with division heads earning tens of thousands of shekels a month.

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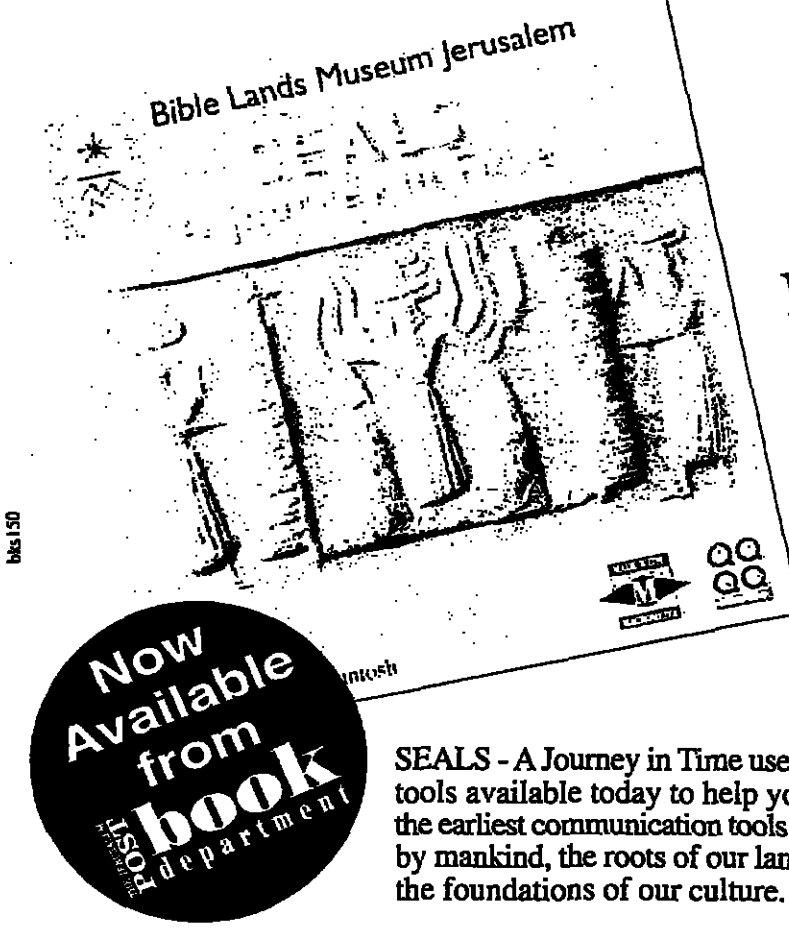
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More than an agreement – a sea change

Whether you're for the accords or against them, five years after the historic signing Oslo seems to have wrought irrevocable changes in Israel, Herb Keinon observes



The Handshake: Rabin, Clinton and Arafat on the White House lawn, September 13, 1993. (Bottom from left) The seminal events of this half decade – suicide bombings, the assassination of a prime minister, the unseating of Labor – all have their roots in that first handshake.



It is an image that has defined the country for half a decade: Yasser Arafat, standing on the White House South Lawn, extending his hand to Yitzhak Rabin; President Bill Clinton, putting his arm around Rabin's shoulder, gently nudging him toward Arafat; Rabin taking Arafat's hand and shaking it.

That act on a sun-drenched Washington day, in front of 3,000 amazed guests and a hopeful world audience, formally set in motion the Oslo Accords. The country has been struggling to digest them ever since.

Monday, September 13, marks five years since The Handshake. Five years since Rabin spoke poetically about trying to "put an end to the hostilities, so that our children and our children's children will no longer have to experience the painful cost of war, violence and terror."

Five years since Arafat declared, "The people do not consider that exercising the right to self-determination could violate the rights of their neighbors or infringe on their security."

The euphoric – some would argue unrealistic – expectations which that signing ceremony and its accompanying speeches engendered have largely remained unfulfilled.

Deadlines have come and gone, promises have been made and broken, and an overall solution to the conflict seems almost as elusive now as ever. But if the accords did not exactly succeed in seating the lion with the lamb, they have set in motion fundamental changes in Israeli society.

The country, says Ephraim Yuchtman-Ya'ar, head of Tel Aviv University's Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, which has traced Israeli attitudes to the accords since their beginning, is and always has been split about 50-50 on Oslo.

Given this, there is also a deep split in identifying the changes the accords have brought about, and in determining whether they are positive or negative.

Ask friends or neighbors how their lives have been affected by the agreements, and they will likely talk about "less reserve duty in refugee camps," or about "more concern going to crowded places."

But the changes go deeper than that – they are changes that have to do with how the country sees itself, its role and its neighbors. Israel today is not what it was five years ago.

The seminal events of this half decade – Baruch Goldstein's killing spree, the assassination of a prime minister, buses blown to smithereens by suicide bombers, the unseating of Labor – all have their roots in that first handshake.

Since that September day in Washington, the country's political life has been an endless attempt to deal with what Arafat and Rabin set in motion.

The accords, as imperfect as they are, thrust Israel into a new reality, a reality which the country – five years down the road – is still trying to figure out.

THE first major change the accords brought about, said David Shaham, author of *Yisrael: 50 Hashananim* ("Israel: 50 Years"), a historic account of the country's first half century, is that it has brought about a fundamental change in Israeli attitudes toward the idea of a Palestinian state.

"For 15 years prior to Oslo, the

polls showed Jewish public opinion was against a Palestinian state, and viewed the establishment of a state as a national tragedy," Shaham said. "Recently almost two-thirds of the country said there would be a [Palestinian] state. It depresses them, creates emotional dissonance, but all of a sudden it does not look so scary."

Shaham gave Oslo credit for giving Israelis a chance to feel what it would be like to have a Palestinian state, and to survive.

"Oslo removed the fear," he said. "The idea no longer seems so threatening or impossible. The threat of terror continues, but the idea of a state stopped being so frightening."

According to Shaham, Oslo also "exorcised stereotypes of Palestinians." He said that the image of the Palestinian "with a knife between his teeth and a bomb in his hands" has become increasingly replaced as Israelis become familiar, via the nightly news, with polished Palestinian diplomats.

"All of a sudden Israelis saw on TV people who speak fluent

English, and fluent Hebrew. Before that most people did not see the Palestinian professors and diplomats, the Nabil Shaathis and Hanan Ashrawis, but only their workers, and their stereotypes. Today it is difficult to sell the majority of Israelis the old demonization, that all Palestinians are murderers."

Another conceptual change that swept the country as a result of the accords, Shaham said, is the feeling that since developments in this part of the world can actually be good for both Arabs and Jews.

"Oslo helped free us from the feeling that everything that is bad for the Arabs is good for the Jews, and all that is good for the Jews is bad for the Arabs. With the accords, at least in the beginning, there was a feeling that some things could be good for both sides. Paradoxically this feeling found expression with the Rabin assassination."

Both Jews and Arabs saw it as a tragedy for them. People started having a feeling that they have things in common. But now that feeling is melting away."

While Shaham viewed as posi-

tive the readiness, prompted by Oslo, of a majority of Israelis to accept the establishment of a Palestinian state, Arye Stav, a harsh critic of Oslo and editor of *Nativ*, a bimonthly "journal of politics and the arts," saw this as a disaster.

Stav was bleakly pessimistic. Asked how historians would consider Oslo 20 years down the road, he remarked, seriously, that we shouldn't take it for granted that the state will exist in 20 years.

Author of a book to be published by Modan Publishers this week called *Yudi Hamavet Hayisraeli* ("The Israeli Death Wish"), Stav said there is no doubt that Israel is headed to war with the Palestinians, and that historians will view Oslo as the event that pushed us in that direction.

In Stav's view, Oslo has reinforced a process – which began a decade ago with an upturn in the country's economy – of lulling people to sleep.

"You must understand," Stav

began, his sonorous voice suited to his dark message, "that Zionism is a phenomenal failure. What did Zionism want? To provide Jews with a refuge, give them safety and security, let them live without worrying about catastrophe, pogroms, and deportations. Herzl wrote, very naively, that the Jewish state would only need a police force, no army, because it would be neutral."

"But look, the State of Israel is undoubtedly the most dangerous place for Jews in the world. Nowhere else are so many Jews killed and murdered as in Israel."

Of course, Stav said, there are compensations, such as independence. But as a safe haven, Zionism has failed. Oslo, Stav continued, did not change any of that.

"The intellectual Left understands this failure of Zionism, and needs to explain it, to solve this problem. They try to solve it by deceiving themselves into believing that peace is at hand. They sing of peace, and think that by the mere act of singing, they are bringing it. Israelis, said Stav, are tired of

wars, tired of struggling, intoxicated with prosperity. Paraphrasing Shakespeare, he said, "plenty breeds cowardice."

"Oslo gave people great hope," Stav said. "I think that in the current, both the intellectual and the taxi driver believe something is very, very wrong. But the leaders lie, the media lies, the Israeli does not know what is going on, of preparations for war in Egypt, a growing Cairo-Damascus alliance."

"People are living in a fool's paradise, sailing on a ship of fools about to sink. They don't want to know anything, because things are good for them."

This phenomenon, Stav postulated, did not begin with Oslo, but was strongly reinforced by it. The end result – an Israeli who is tired, yearning for peace, living in prosperity. "All this destroys the instinct for survival, because it blinds people to the truth."

STAV's view of the world, if studied done by Yuchtman-Ya'ar at Tel Aviv University are any indication,

are not reflective of how the country as a whole views political truth.

According to Yuchtman-Ya'ar, even though the gaps between Left and Right have remained wide, the whole political ground has moved left. "A large part of the moderate Right," he said, "today holds positions held by the Left 10 years ago."

That process, he said, was set in motion by the accords. Labor MK Yossi Beilin, one of Oslo's architects, said that this leftward shifting of the political sands is one of the most significant changes brought about by the accord.

"On one side the accords created more extremism, but they also created a split in the Likud, and in the political middle," Beilin said. "The fact is that because of Oslo, people like Ronni Milo, Meir Sheerit and Michael Eitan allowed themselves to go much further to the Left than they would have allowed themselves beforehand."

This is very significant, Beilin said, because it will lead to a realignment of the political parties, "a reshuffle in Israeli politics on new lines."

While Labor has slowly adopted the traditional Likud view with regard to the Histadrut, that a labor federation is unable to represent both the employee and the employer, the Right, according to Beilin, is increasingly coming over to Labor's positions on diplomatic matters.

This type of political "reshuffle," said Yisrael Harel, one of the founders of Gush Emunim and former editor of the settlement journal *Nekuda*, is also taking place inside the settlements, and is one of the most significant changes wrought by Oslo.

"I think our public, even if it does not accept the agreements ideologically, has on a practical level become resigned to them," Harel said.

He said the lack of serious extra-parliamentary activity to stop the agreements since Netanyahu has come to power shows that people have slowly come to accept them as a given. A good example of this change in attitudes, according to Harel, is the behavior of the National Religious Party.

"Note that when they talk about a 13 percent withdrawal, they are doing everything they can to find a formula that will make it acceptable, such as reciprocity. But when you argue along those lines, you are no longer talking ideology. You are arguing from a security, practical or legal point of view, but not from an ideological one."

"What will happen tomorrow if Arafat takes 32 killers and gives them to us? What will happen if tomorrow the Palestinian National Council repeals the Palestinian Covenant? Will it then be acceptable to withdraw from 13 percent?"

Oslo, Harel argued, did not force those in the national religious camp to change their ideological commitment to Eretz Yisrael, but rather to adjust it to fit the new realities.

"I don't think people have given up believing in the ideology, but are rather finding a new formula according to which the ideology won't be realized in our generation, but will have to be delayed."

"It is easy to believe in the coming of the Messiah," Harel said, "because the date of his arrival can always be pushed off."

Oslo, for those who believe firmly that the Jewish people are destined to return to all parts of Eretz Yisrael, has forced many to reset their theological clocks.

The deferral of bright Palestinian dreams

Five years after Oslo, the Palestinians appear even more dependent on Israel for their livelihoods and live under an authority that advocates obedience as the supreme value. But most West Bank and Gaza Strip residents see no better alternative, writes Steve Rodan

On the eve of Yasser Arafat's arrival in Gaza in July 1994, several prominent Palestinians attending a Hebrew University conference were asked whether they were worried that the PLO chairman's presence could destroy the political power gained by the Arabs of the territories during their uprising against Israel.

The Palestinians did not deny the possibility. But they pledged they would resist a dictatorship whether under Arafat or anybody else.

"We faced the Turks, British, Jordanians and the Israelis," one Palestinian said. "We won't allow another occupation, even from our own people."

Today, the Palestinians who attended the conference are hardly seen or heard in public. Their pledge that Palestinians would resist dictatorship seems unfulfilled.

Many Palestinians seem to have long lost hope that interim self-rule is the key to a better future. Five years after the signing of the Oslo Accords, Palestinian rank-and-file tend to view the agreement as a conspiracy among a weak PLO, Israel and the US to ensure an end to the intifada and resistance to occupation.

"I think the Oslo Accord is one of the greatest catastrophes the Palestinian people have experienced," says Ghazi Hamad, a leading Hamas figure in Gaza and editor of its weekly *al-Risala* newspaper. "It destroyed the future of Palestinians and ended resistance

to occupation. In the end, it only served the personal interests of a small group of Palestinians."

Still, as numerous polls show, most Palestinians do not see any alternative to Oslo.

"There is a majority that supports the agreement and this majority was consistent in the first three years of the peace process in spite of political and economic ups and downs," says Ghassan Khatib, director of the Jerusalem Media and Communication Center. "We started to notice a trend of decline 18 months ago. It is not sharp and dramatic."

The view of senior Palestinian Authority officials is simpler: Israel lied about its intentions to allow the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. Many have declared Oslo dead, but some also insist that this fact will lead to full independence.

"We used to have an Israeli government that would torture us but went ahead with the signed agreements," recalls Mohammed Rachid, Arafat's economic adviser, referring to the Labor government that signed the Oslo Accords. "The previous government used to coordinate with us. Today the political situation is completely frozen."

Many Palestinian supporters of the Oslo Accords had sought to persuade their peers that international, political and financial support would result in a modern, wealthy Palestinian state. The Palestinians would enjoy billions

of dollars of funds from donor countries and from foreign investments. Jobs would be plentiful, opportunities boundless.

PA officials today recall that they did not make this up. They heard this forecast repeatedly from Shimon Peres, who was foreign minister when the accords were signed. Peres became prime minister after Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated.

"A few years ago, we had a rosy picture from Shimon Peres of a regional economy," Rachid says. "But this is not the picture these days."

Instead, it is far more sober. Foreign investment in PA territories has been negligible. Palestinian investment has been almost nil.

The donor countries have been holding back an increasing percentage of funds pledged because of PA refusal to account for the money.

The result is that dependence on Israel is greater than ever. Close to

100,000 Palestinians have permission to work in Israel, according to Israeli sources. About another 50,000 Palestinians sneak into Israel daily to work illegally.

Senior Palestinian Authority officials are also dependent on Israel, but their work is handsomely rewarded. Palestinian sources, citing official reports, assert that the families of several PA ministers have made millions of dollars by either representing Israeli producers in the territories or subcontracting high-way projects that bypass Palestinian towns. The projects have aroused widespread opposition from farmers whose lands have been confiscated for the construction.

The PA maintains two official monopolies – on fuel and cement.

Here, too, the beneficiaries are PA security officials who serve as vendors for their Israeli suppliers in the territories. With \$1.2 billion invested in construction in 1997, the Palestinians operating the

cement monopoly have become millionaires.

With a growing gap between rich and poor Palestinians, the PA is spending much of its resources keeping the lid on dissent and unrest. PA security forces are everywhere and get involved in every dispute that becomes public.

Their treatment is usually heavy-handed, to the point where last month several Palestinian Legislative Council members were beaten by agents of the Preventive Security Apparatus led by Col. Jibril Rajoub.

Rajoub's response, in an interview with the Abu Dhabi-based *Al Itihad* newspaper, is illustrative of how the PA views criticism.

"A deputy said to a security man: 'You are a mercenary and a traitor,'" Rajoub recalled. "He also called him more names. It was natural for the security man, who is a Palestinian citizen after all, to reply to the one abusing him in the way he deemed appropriate. In view of this, the two sides

clashed. But I did not order any security man to beat anyone."

For Palestinians, the message was that nobody has immunity from Arafat's security organs.

"After being assaulted, each member of the Palestinian Legislative Council should pause to answer the questions that are currently being raised by the voters who elected them," writes Mohammed Jaradat in the *Al Istiqal* newspaper aligned with Islamic Jihad.

"The truth is that PLC members no longer have any mission to carry out and they should relinquish this mission, which was created to make them witnesses to the vicious Oslo Accords."

The PA collects only \$60 million in income taxes – a minuscule sum considering that more than 2 million people live under Palestinian rule. But Arafat has not approved any income-tax reform that would result in much greater collection.

Six months ago, such a plan was presented by Finance Minister Mohammed Zohdi Nashashibi. But Arafat deemed the plan too harsh on the people and rejected it. He then appointed a four-man committee that included Nashashibi, Rachid, International Cooperation and Planning Minister Nabil Shaath and Economics Minister Maher Masri to draft an alternative. Some recommendations are expected to be completed by next month.

Arafat appears to be willing to pay a high price to maintain order.

Nearly two weeks ago, two police officers, involved in a shootout which left two members of Force 17 dead, were executed. Arafat's order came days before a deadline set by Fatah for a strike by the movement if the sentences were not carried out. The person who planned the ambush of the Fatah men was spared.

But the executions satisfied the thirst for revenge in Gaza's Nusseirat refugee camp. "You, Abu Amar [Arafat's nom de guerre], will be remembered forever as a symbol of justice realized," said a huge banner in the camp.

Arafat is hoping the appreciation will continue. He has focused most of his efforts on rallying Palestinians to establish an independent state. Problems are shunted aside, PA sources say, until after May 1999, when plans call for independence to be declared.

PLC members have been urged not to focus on such sensitive issues as corruption in the PA.

Obedience is the key. "Every Palestinian, whether in the PLO or outside, whether in the government or outside, must accept this without question," PA Secretary-General Tayeb Abdul Rahim said in a broadcast on PA radio. "Because this is the supreme national goal."

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

Anatomy of an assault

People tell me that I acted with great courage. The social workers say it was extraordinary how I managed to keep my wits about me, and they say that every decision I made was the right one.

Perhaps. I don't think I was particularly courageous or that I did anything so extraordinary. I just acted on instinct every step of the way. They say that my level-headedness could serve as inspiration for others who find themselves in a similar situation. I certainly hope so.

It was 7 o'clock on Friday morning. My husband was out of town. I woke up in my Jerusalem apartment and saw a man with a knife standing in my bedroom.

Thinking that once I had seen him he would flee, I said very forcefully in Hebrew, "Get out of here. Get out - right now!" He didn't flinch.

"Give me money," he said. "I want money."

"Okay, okay," I answered as he pulled me off the bed.

When I started to reach for my purse, he said, "I took that money already."

This meant that he had entered my house, gone into my kitchen and taken the knife with which he was now threatening me, unzipped my purse, taken the cash from my wallet, put the wallet back and zipped the purse up again - and I hadn't heard a thing.

This was no amateur.

At knifepoint, he led me down the hall. "Where is your husband?" he demanded.

"He went out."

"When will he be back?"

Not wanting to let him know my husband was out of town, I said, "This evening." I really should have said he'd be back any minute, but at that moment, compared to three weeks, "this evening" sounded very soon.

He led me into the dining room and sat me down with him on the sofa. My heart was pounding.

"Don't be afraid," he said. "Why are you afraid?"

"Because you're in my house, with a knife. What do you expect?" I retorted.

"Just relax," he said, beginning to become amorous.

"Oh no, not that," I thought.

As he started to pull me back toward the bedroom, I tried to pull away, saying, "It's enough. You don't have to do this. It's enough. Just go!"

Almost offended, he said, "Why?" He locked the latch in the

It's every woman's nightmare - to wake up and see a man with a knife standing in her bedroom. This is one rape victim's story

bedroom. When I tried to open it, he slapped me across the face several times, swore at me, and stuck the knife in my side.

"You're not Jewish, are you?" he asked. Not knowing what it would mean to this Arab attacker if I said I was, I didn't answer.

Sitting down on the bed, he said, "I'm a drug addict. That's why I need money." Average height, slim, dark-skinned, clean-cut and neatly dressed, he didn't look like a

man.

He forced me onto the bed and put the knife down. I had visions of grabbing the knife and trying to fight back. But I just couldn't bring myself to do it.

Accepting the fact that I had no way out, I said, "After this, will you leave?"

"Yes."

It was very brief and painless.

When it was over, he said, "Are you happy? Tell me you're happy." The only thing I was happy about was that he hadn't hurt me.

He stood up, picked up a white jacket of mine, put it down, and picked up a purple blouse instead. Handing it to me, he instructed me to follow him through the house and wipe off all his fingerprints - at knifepoint. He also instructed me to go into the bathroom and wash myself well so that no doctor would find any traces of him.

We retraced his steps and went out onto the balcony. I followed him, making cursory dabs at the items he pointed to. He turned to look at me and suddenly noticed two bloodstains on my nightgown.

"Did I do that to you?" he asked with great surprise.

"I guess so."

"I'm sorry," he said so sincerely that I thought to myself, "This guy is no killer. Maybe I'll get out of this yet."

Back in the hallway, I started to unlock the front door. "What are you doing?" he demanded.

"I thought you were leaving."

"No, I'm not leaving yet," he said as he put the chain back on.

HE LED me back to the bedroom, this time in full thief mode.

Not wanting to touch anything, he used the knife to empty containers and instructed me to empty my jewel box on the bed.

"You must have more money. If you don't give me more money, I'll kill you," he menaced.

"You took it all," I said.

Then he came across a wallet filled with American money. "This isn't money?" he said sarcastically.

"I forgot about that," I lied.

After rifling through a few more drawers

to no avail, he led me into the living room. He put the knife on the floor and opened a drawer filled with cameras and tape recorders.

Seeing the knife on the floor, I thought I could make a run for it. But that meant running down the long hallway, unlocking the chain and turning the key in the door twice to open the door. "I'll never make it," I reasoned, and I just stood still.

He emptied out a bag that was filled with pictures and instructed me to put in each item he chose as he took it from the drawer.

"I'm such a victim," I said to myself as I obediently stood there filling up a bag of our valuables for this thief. "But it's a small price to pay if he just gets the hell out of my house."

Then he came across a small velvet bag and took out a golden Frank Meisler mezuzah. "What's this?" he asked, putting it on the

"The problem is that the fear does not disappear when the event is over. Because it's not him I'm afraid of now. It's everyone else."

coffee table and fingering it delicately.

I didn't answer.

"Put it in the bag," he commanded and continued his search.

But I didn't want him to have it. So while his back was turned, I surreptitiously turned it over on its felt side so he wouldn't see the gold and stuck it deep into a bowl of candies. My private act of defiance.

Then he went into the study. He opened a black briefcase and said, "What's in here?"

"Papers."

He emptied the contents onto the floor and a flood of photo negatives spilled out.

"Pictures!" he said in exasperation. "I'm doing all this for pictures?"

Back in the living room, he picked up a pair of scissors that was on the coffee table.

"Oh God, now what?" I thought.

He proceeded to cut the phone wire in the living room and in the hallway. "Do you have any other phones?" he asked.

I didn't reply.

At that point I was pretty certain he wasn't planning to kill me because if he were, he wouldn't need to cut the phone line.

But you never know.

He led me to the bathroom at knifepoint saying, "Don't call the police. If you call the police, I'll kill you. You won't call the police, will you?"

He locked me in the bathroom by tying the outer door handle to the faucet of the exterior sink with phone wire that he pulled out of the wall.

I stood and listened at the door until all was silent. Then with one yank, I opened the door and I was free.

I checked around the house to make sure he was gone. I straightened the latch on the balcony door that he had bent to gain entry. I locked it shut. Who even thought about fingerprints? Who even thought about calling the police?

In a daze, I went to the phone in the study and called one of my friends. The minute she heard my voice, she said, "What's wrong?"

She told me to call the police immediately. "Do you know how to call the police?"

"No."

Speaking slowly and deliberately to get through the fog that had become my mind, she said, "Get off the phone. Go to your neighbor. Ask her to call the police. Then call me back. Do it. Now."

THAT was my ordeal. Forty-five minutes of surreal terror.

For the first few days after the event, I could not switch off my mind. The reel kept replaying itself over and over. What's more, I kept thinking of how I could have avoided it. If only I had locked the balcony door. If only this, if only that...

Worse, I kept envisioning horrible scenes of how much more gruesome the outcome could have been.

The best advice I received in that regard was from one of the social workers at the Rape Crisis Center, who told me not to enter into either of those scenarios.

"You can't change what happened. You have enough to contend with just recalling what did happen. Control your thoughts; rele-

gate them to the actual events. It serves no purpose to do otherwise."

So the way I dealt with the fear I experienced after the event was to keep looking at the positive aspects: It happened in daylight. He didn't hurt me. I kept my cool. He was never planning to kill me. He wasn't a cruel person.

The problem is, however, that the fear does not disappear when the event is over. Not even with the knowledge that the police have apprehended him and that he will be in prison for many, many years.

Because it's not him I'm afraid of now. It's everyone else.



The racist who struck a woman daily and works as a security guard during the High Holy Days. Dan Izenberg talked to a woman who challenges the popular notion that sexual offenders are psychopaths.

"It could be your neighbor - for that matter, it could be you. Some people, when they get angry, kick their dogs. Others take a cold shower. Some rape women."

Police disdain

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'There's no such thing as a monster'

The rapist who struck at least 14 times in less than two months prays daily and works as a cantor during the High Holy Days.

Dan Izenberg talks to experts who challenge the popular belief that sexual offenders are psychopaths

The press has dubbed 25-year-old Kiryat Malachi resident Ami Edri, suspected of having raped and assaulted 14 women in less than two months, the "serial rapist from the south."

But according to Bar-Ilan University criminologist Ruth Ben-David, there is no such thing as a serial rapist.

"The name was taken from the phenomenon of serial killers," said Ben-David. "But the term is appropriate in that case because most killers kill once. Rape, on the other hand, is additive because rapists fail to get satisfaction from the act. It is a substitute for something else."

Noga Shiloah, head of the Rape Crisis Center in Jerusalem, agrees that repeated rape and sexual assault is commonplace. In fact, she added, there are a number of sexual assailants roaming freely around the Jerusalem area who have already struck several times and about whom police know little, if anything.

"There's one guy who knocks on doors and asks for a glass of water," said Shiloah. "He has already raped several women who let him in."

In the last year, at least three women have been sexually assaulted on the scenic promenade in East Talpuz.

Whether serial rapist or just plain rapist, Edri managed to terrify many women during the weeks of his violent rampage in July and August. According to reports, he used the same play each time. He offered lifts to young women,

many of them hitchhiking alone, and told them he directed Jewish Agency day camps for children or worked for the Society for the Protection of Nature.

In several cases he took the girls home, but fixed a date with them for an imaginary job interview. He would then take them to the woods, on the pretext of showing them the site of a camp, and attack them.

Edri operated mainly in the Jerusalem and Lachish districts and admitted to rapes in the Kennedy Forest, Hirbet Sa'adim, Jerusalem, Ein Yeha and Tel Azeka.

Religious, married and the father of a baby boy, Edri studied in a religious high school and served as a counselor in the Bnei Akiva youth movement. According to reports, he attends morning prayers daily and serves as a cantor on the holidays.

Not exactly the type of person most people would imagine as a violent rapist. But according to experts, it is a mistake to depict rapists as monsters.

"Rapists aren't psychopaths," said Shiloah. "Usually, they are people who function well in society and do not behave violently in daily life. It's not surprising that [Edri] is a nice boy."

According to Ben-David, the sexual act is only part of what motivates the sexual offender. "Many experts believe that rape has nothing to do with sex," she said. "It is an expression of anger or a desire to take control over someone else's life."

In the overwhelming majority of



Suspected serial rapist Ami Edri being led into court this week: 'He took advantage of the fact that he looked like one of his victims - religious, young, clean-cut.' (Zoom 77)

cases, the rapist does not fulfill the legal criteria for insanity - in other words, he is aware of, and responsible for, his actions at the moment of the crime.

Anyone might be a rapist. "It could be your neighbor," said Ben-David. "For that matter, it could be you. Some people, when they get angry, kick their dogs. Others take a cold shower. Some rape women."

Even the fact that Edri is religious is not exceptional, continued Ben-David. While the number of criminals in the religious and haredi communities is proportionally lower than in secular society, the proportion of sexual offenders among religious and haredi criminals is higher, she said.

"Religious education is successful in getting its pupils to internalize standards of morality," she explained. "That is why there are fewer criminals in the religious and haredi population on the whole than among the secular population. However, sexual crimes are less connected to cognitive processes than other crimes and more associated with passion and lust - feelings less prone to self-control through education."

If there is anything unusual about the Edri case, it is the fact that virtually all of his victims seem to have been religious. In many cases, these young women were hitchhiking on their own, sometimes at night, and accepted a lift with a strange man driving alone.

This phenomenon also has a logical explanation, according to Shiloah. "He [Edri] operated in an area of small settlements where public transportation is poor," she said. "Hitchhiking is an important way of getting around. One of our volunteers lives in Gush Etzion and she hitchhikes all the time. It's an accepted way of life in those areas."

Furthermore, Edri took advantage of the fact that he looked like one of them - religious, young, clean-cut. Maybe that's what persuaded them to get into the car with him. It was a combination of his background and their naivete."

The fact that all the victims were religious has led to complications in the investigation, police say. Earlier this week, police asked the court to extend Edri's remand. They said that the investigation was taking longer than usual because the investigators had to make sure that the families of the victims did not come into contact with one another.

This kind of sensitivity, in which victims want their identity kept secret, even from other victims of the same assailant, may come as a surprise to secular readers. But it is only one of many facets that distinguish the religious and haredi populations from the secular in such matters.

So wide is the cultural divide that three years ago a group of Orthodox women, with the blessings of their rabbis, established The Crisis Center for Religious Women at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital.

The center runs an emergency hot line to deal with the emotional crises that religious and haredi women may confront in their lives - including domestic strife, health problems, violence and sexual abuse.

There are two basic reasons why a separate Orthodox crisis center is needed.

Religious women feel more comfortable confiding in someone who understands and shares their culture and system of beliefs. Secondly, there may be concrete halachic problems related to the crisis which only an Orthodox counselor can help resolve.

For example, if an Orthodox woman is raped, she must receive rabbinical dispensation for an abortion. In such cases, the crisis center asks for permission on

behalf of the woman without divulging her identity. This arrangement would be impossible in the secular Rape Crisis Center, whom the rabbis would most likely refuse to talk to.

In addition to the emotional upheaval that all women suffer when sexually attacked, there may be additional religious overtones to the crisis that only an Orthodox counselor will understand. For example, women who are raped during the *nida* period, when sexual relations are banned, often suffer from additional guilt.

The center also helps to keep the

news of a sexual attack from spreading throughout the close-knit Orthodox community. Recently, a young American woman studying in Jerusalem was raped. Within two hours, the news had spread throughout the Orthodox community in Jerusalem and her home town of New York City.

In another, similar case two weeks later, the student's school counselor notified the center immediately and it intervened to put a lid on the affair.

Despite the substantial differences between the Orthodox and

secular communities, the borderline between the two is often blurred. In fact, some of Edri's victims went to the secular Jerusalem Rape Crisis Center for help.

In discussing the phenomenon of repeated sexual offenders, Shiloah mentioned that she was certain Edri was responsible for more attacks than he has admitted to.

How does she know?

Since the news of his rampage was reported in the press, she said, three more women, recognizing the trademarks of his method, have come to the center to tell their stories.

Police disdain

Recently, the Rape Crisis Center in Jerusalem announced that it had received information from a source that the serial rapist Ami Edri was planning to flee the country.

The center immediately contacted the police, but to its disappointment, the police did not take the information seriously.

"The police are not taking this seriously," said Shiloah. "They are treating it as a rumor. They are not taking any action."

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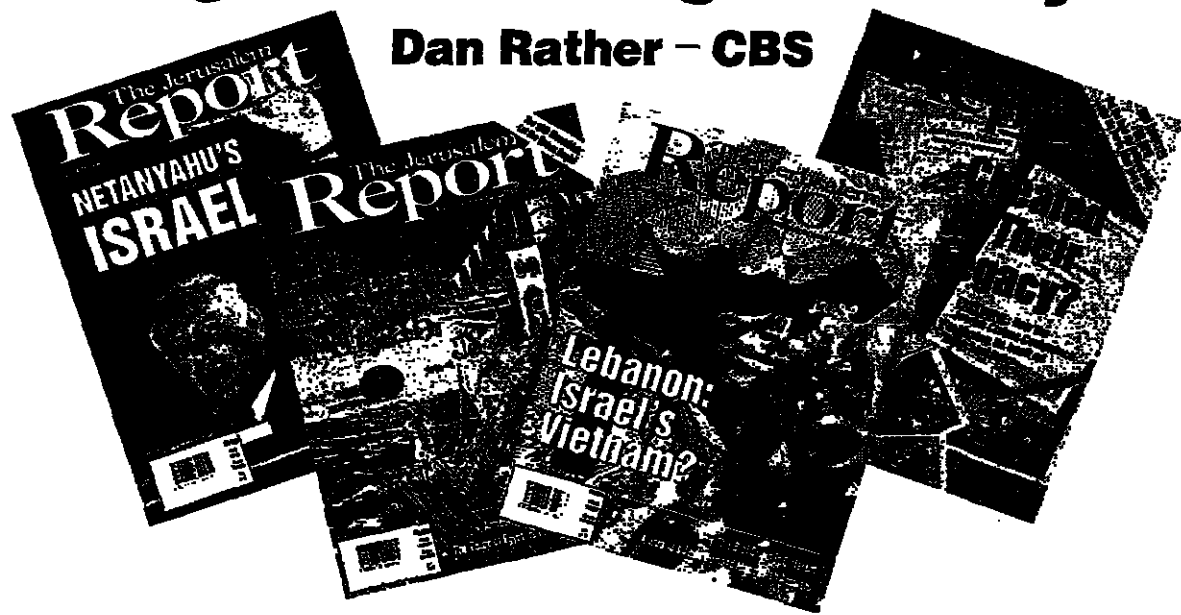
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What, me worry? Not yet...

Up the road, lawmakers at the Duma are debating which prime minister could possibly save their country from ruin. But in the middle of chic commercial Moscow, ladies with Mercedes are shutting their eyes to the financial crisis engulfing them — and shopping.

Doe-eyed young women with streaked blond hair are still whisking in and out of whatever stores are still open in Moscow's marble-and-gilt shopping malls. If you listen carefully, you can still hear the tap-tap of \$500 heels and the whisper of designer furs echoing in the empty halls.

The sea of ads for luxury goods flooding Moscow's streets, illuminated by an unnaturally bright September sunshine, lends an air of unreality to the latest disastrous news on radio and television.

Out there in real Russia, Parliament is rejecting the president's proposed prime minister for a second time. Who cares? Here, a five-minute walk away but spiritually in another world, many of the pampered inhabitants of rich New Russia just don't want to know.

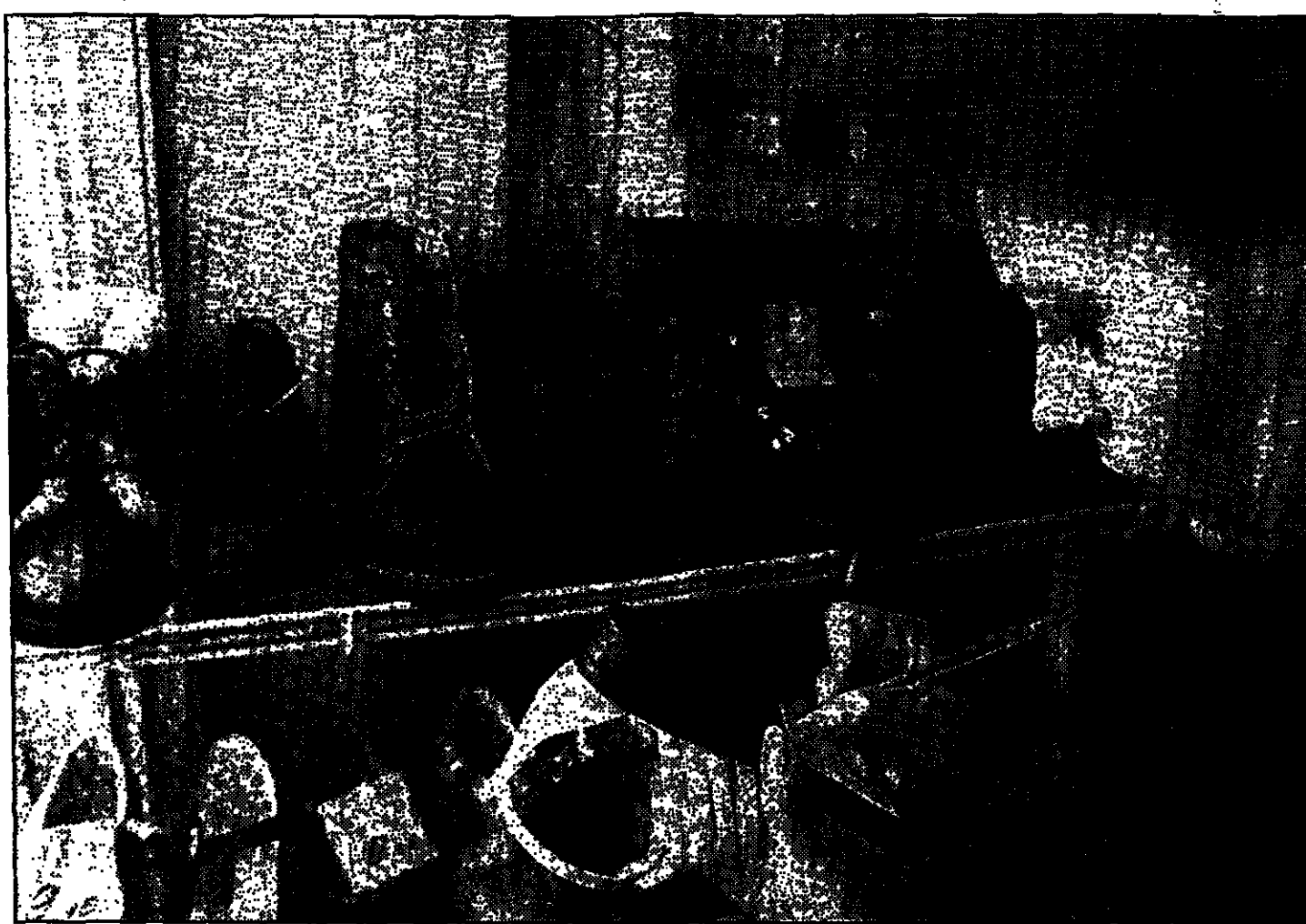
"Problems? What problems?" asks Nina Chanturia, manager of a pricey gift store called the World of New Russians that specializes in kitschy representations of the post-Soviet super-rich. It sells porcelain figurines and enamel boxes depicting the thug millionaires of popular legend — complete with raspberry-colored jackets, bodyguards, mobile phones, credit cards and emaciated girlfriends in micro-skirts. Prices for these trinkets, popular among wealthy Russians, are the ruble equivalent of \$300 to \$400.

"Strange as it may seem," Chanturia says with enviable bravado, "we've actually had more customers than usual in the last few weeks." But even in this fairy castle of denial, much less money than usual is changing hands, many other storekeepers say. Even here, the financial and now political crisis brought on by devaluing the ruble August 17 is beginning to hurt.

"OK, so you still get a few regulars who come in and spend big money and don't seem affected by any of these troubles," 27-year-old waitress Yelena Antonova says in the hushed grandeur of Petrovsky Passazh mall. "But there are only a third or a quarter as many people around as usual. Most of them are just coming to look at the prices. Then they shake their heads and go home."

The bar where she works is full

While a political and economic crisis engulfs Russia, wealthy 'New Russians' are still shopping at trendy Moscow shops. But some stores are feeling the pinch, Vanora Bennett reports



Outside the fairy castle of denial: A Moscow shop assistant changes the price of shoes from rubles to 'units of account' in the frantic fight to keep up with hyperinflation.

of glamorous waitresses like her, slinking between abstract metal shapes and glass columns filled with bubbling water to serve \$5 cappuccinos. Today, there are only five clients.

Antonova, svelte in the black leather mini-dress that is the uniform of the powder-pale staff at the Sladky Bar, looks like a full-fledged member of the New Russian caste that made fortunes out of the transition to capitalism in the early 1990s and then grew sleek and slim and sophisticated.

But, she says, she was a latecomer to prosperity. She trained as an educational psychologist, but changed jobs last year when she

found that her professional salary wasn't enough to keep her five-year-old daughter in kindergarten. As a waitress, her salary quadrupled. As well as her \$200-a-month basic pay, she began taking home the equivalent of \$500 a month in tips.

That, however, was when the ruble was worth a steady six-to-the-dollar. Now that it's tumbled to 18-20 in a couple of weeks, good tipsters are few and far between, and Antonova has no idea whether it makes financial sense to stay on.

"We've asked the management to raise our basic pay... but haven't heard whether they will. If not, I suppose I'll have to go and look

for a job that brings in some real money," she says.

About half the stores on Petrovsky Passazh's marble walkways are closed on this sunny Monday — the orchid-selling flower stand, the chandelier store, the boutiques selling Rivoli beauty creams and Godiva chocolates, and the luxury porcelain shop. Some are closed "for technical reasons," some "for stock-taking."

The reality is that, because the rate of exchange is now so erratic, it is impossible for stores selling imported luxury goods to price their goods accurately enough in rubles to avoid either losing money on the sale or frightening cus-

tomers away with massive price increases. Many prefer to opt out altogether and hope the situation stabilizes soon enough to reopen.

But many foreign fashion stores are open, and at Max Mara and Kenzo, well-groomed shoppers in twos and threes examine the muted wools and silks of the new season. Even here, however, only a few are buying. In other, emptier, stores, quiet anxieties are beginning to be voiced.

"Big crowds came in for four or five days after the devaluation, hoping to dump their rubles, but then they stopped," says a salesman at Krokus Moscow shoe store. "Since then, people have just been looking, and no one's bought a thing. We're living in strange times."

Krokus is still waiting for its delivery of autumn stock from the West. But the truck hasn't come — a common lament in Moscow these days. Western suppliers are increasingly reluctant to send goods to Russia, not knowing whether they will be paid in full.

Inside the World of New Russians gift store, two life-sized cardboard cutouts of bully-boy millionaires are propped against a glossy display case. "So are you worried about devaluation?" reads the word-bubble above one's head. His crony is laughing as he counts a fat wad of \$100 bills. With all the careless selfishness that ordinary Russians have, he replies: "Of course not! I'm a New Russian!"

(Los Angeles Times)

GRAPEVINE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Though many diplomats are delightfully informal, in some areas protocol is almost always upheld. Like the starting time for a reception: It just isn't done to enter an ambassador's residence even one minute before the time stated.

Thus several guests who arrived early for the final farewell of British ambassador David Manning and his wife Catherine either sat in their cars, walked around the block or stood perspiring at the gate.

Feted many times over the past few weeks by colleagues and friends, the extremely popular couple — who had thought they would be here for another year or more — had their tour of duty cut short by Manning's promotion to deputy undersecretary of state at the Foreign Office.

The change in status also meant bringing forward a reception for the launch of *The Art of Deception*, the new book by Elizabeth Ironside, which is Catherine Manning's non de plume.

Said the author: "I feel I'm going a year too early. I've had a year stolen from me." Admired for his wit and erudition, her husband added that his first impression of Israel also remains his last: "The sky will be the limit for this country when there is peace."

PROTOCOL definitely wasn't on the mind of Labor MK Ophir Pines in the receiving line at the residence of Brazilian Ambassador Pedro Paulo Assumpcao, on the occasion of the 176th anniversary of Brazil's independence. Wearing an open-necked shirt and no jacket, with wine glass in one hand

FANS of caricaturist Oleg Shwarzburg will miss his interpretations of the Israeli political scene, but Oleg says it's difficult for him to live in one place and keep his finger on the political pulse of another. He is temporarily moving to Canada, where his

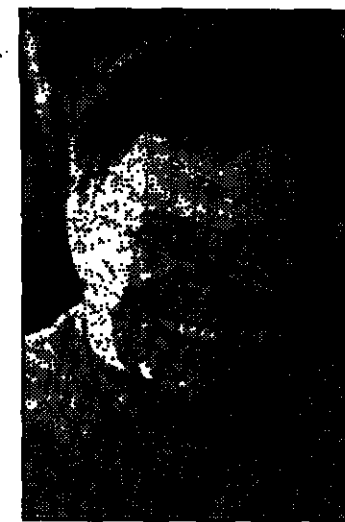


The Mannings: so sorry to leave (Sivan Farag)

wife, Tania, a doctor specializing in women's diseases, has been given a three-year post.

Oleg, himself an ear, nose and throat specialist, has been a professional cartoonist for six years.

In his native Russia he drew for the fun of it, circulating his work among family and friends. When he came to Israel eight years ago, Russian and Hebrew publications immediately recognized his talent, but when he approached N. David Gross, then editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, Gross told him that he already had three cartoonists and didn't need another. Undaunted, Oleg went home, came back with some timely samples of his work — and the rest, as they say, is history. The first of his caricatures in the *Post* appeared on January 19, 1992, a day after he showed it to Gross; the last appears on Sunday.



Oleg: goodbye for now

and cell phone in the other, Pines attended to his own business until he drew level with the ambassador.

AUSTRALIANS invited to the residence of Australian Ambassador Ian Wilcock for the launch here of Foster's beer, Australia's most famous brew, were positively salivating. Foster's organized an Australian-style barbecue, and the thick hamburgers tasted just like the ones down under, with the exception that, back in the old country, they toast the buns and include a slice of beetroot. A huge red helium kangaroo flanked by a bottle of Foster's hovered over the Wilcocks' garage. The beer will be distributed here by Y & D Enterprises, whose director, Doble Feintuch, has no doubt about its potential on the Israeli market.

LABOR MK Ori Orr, who embarrassed his party with his insensitive remarks about Moroccans, is apparently out of Coventry. Orr was spotted this week at the bash hosted by Rafi Eyal to celebrate his son's bar mitzva; the following evening he was at Ramat Eyal at a pre-Rosh Hashana get-together organized by supporters of Ehud Barak, who want to see the Labor party chairman become prime minister.

Barak, who left this week for the US to meet with some of his financial backers, called on David Levy, Yitzhak Mordechai, Dan Meridor, Meir Sheerit, Avigdor Kahalani, Natan Shtrassky, Moshe Katsav and others who have done much for the country to demonstrate responsibility and put their weight behind a change of government.

But what really excited attention was Barak's duet with singer Margalit Tsa'ani. She would have preferred something from her regular repertoire — but Barak was keener on *My Yiddish Mama*, which they belted out together in Yiddish.

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as we know, is a strong believer in reciprocity. At a dinner honoring Turkish PM Menut Yilmaz, the premier observed that he and his wife were probably the only people in the room who hadn't visited Turkey. Five per cent of Israelis have been to Turkey, he noted, and added that Israel would be happy to welcome 5 per cent of Turkey's population as tourists. It might be a bit of a squeeze to accommodate them, he acknowledged, but was confident it could be done.

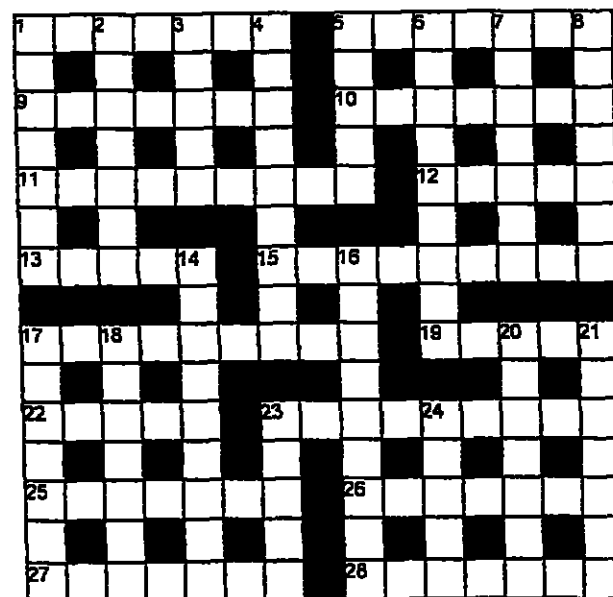
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Making a check on a book collection can be really hard (7)
- 5 It's found a boy starts knitting (5,2)
- 9 First to get about a thousand in support (7)
- 10 Scanning a university (7)
- 11 Country entering a conversion plan (9)
- 12 City worker, a page, taken aback (5)
- 13 He painted a physician accepting a flower (5)
- 16 Negotiating ends in her held in high regard (9)
- 17 Independent mums no retiring member of society (9)
- 19 Spars, taking certain measures (5)
- 22 Madame's send-off (5)

DOWN

- 23 Application for a horse-drawn carriage (9)
- 25 Charwoman sets about deal with little hesitation (7)
- 26 Coming behind time, feeling under the weather (7)
- 27 Clean, so greeted quite differently (7)
- 28 This, bearing a perfume, is beginning to grow (7)



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YESTERDAY'S QUICK SOLUTION
ACROSS: 5 Belle, 8 Wringing, 9 Fence, 10 Galleon, 11 Event, 14 Sea, 16 Sharps, 17 Dotted, 18 Aid, 20 Reach, 24 Addendum, 26 Stern, 28 Schmitz, 27 Gosh.
DOWN: 1 Swigs, 2 Ditty, 3 Agile, 4 Suesse, 6 Enroute, 7 Licensed, 12 Thirsty, 13 Discern, 14 Spa, 16 Add, 19 Induce, 21 Beam, 22 Edits, 23 Smart.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Female horse (5)
- 4 Songs of praise (5)
- 9 Chic (7)
- 10 Succinct (5)
- 11 Reverberate (4)
- 12 Stronghold (7)
- 13 Enquire (3)
- 14 Placed (4)
- 16 Profound (4)
- 18 Beer (3)
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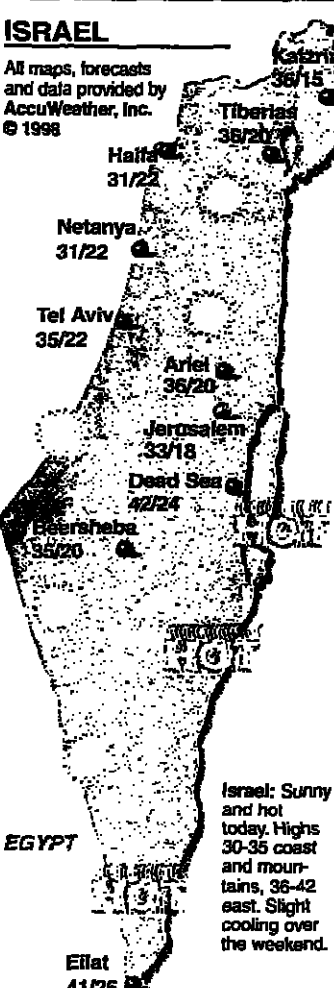
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Beer Sheva	35/22	35/22	35/22	35/22	35/22	35/22	35/22	35/22	35/22
Dead Sea	42/10	24/7	24/7	42/10	24/7	24/7	42/10	24/7	24/7
Eilat	41/10	24/7	24/7	41/10	24/7	24/7	41/10	24/7	24/7
Jerusalem	31/18	18/4	18/4	31/18	18/4	18/4	31/18	18/4	18/4
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Chicago	30/18	18/4	18/4	30/18	18/4	18/4	30/18	18/4	18/4
Frankfurt	23/7	15/5	15/5	23/7	15/5	15/5	23/7	15/5	15/5
Hong Kong	31/18	27/14	27/14	31/18	27/14	27/14	31/18	27/14	27/14
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Rio de Janeiro	28/10	17/2	17/2	28/10	17/2	17/2	28/10	17/2	17/2
Rome	28/10	17/2	17/2	28/10	17/2	17/2	28/10	17/2	17/2
Sydney	18/4	12/8	12/8	18/4	12/8	12/8	18/4	12/8	12/8
Tokyo	28/10	17/2	17/2	28/10	17/2	17/2	28/10	17/2	17/2
Toronto	28/10	17/2	17/2	28/10	17/2	17/2	28/10	17/2	17/2
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The children are back at school, but many of them have gone back without the necessary textbooks, stationery, etc. We are still trying to help as many of them as possible but unfortunately, donations for the Toy Fund have dwindled so much in the past few months that we're having to allocate much less to each family.

The High Holy Days are nearly upon us. Please give a thought to so many less fortunate families who need to put food on the table or who need warm clothing for the winter months which will soon be here. We already have requests for the elderly to buy winter blankets and heaters, which we will soon be ordering.

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Looking back on 15 wonderful years

By BEVERLEE BLACK

In 1983, when Ari Rath, then managing editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, asked me to take over the running of the Funds Campaign from the amazing Helen Rossi, I had no idea of the new world that would open up before my eyes.

We were running the Toy Fund that Helen had started at Hanukkah in 1948 to help children living in difficult conditions in the transit camps (*ma'abarot*), and we had just started a new fund for the elderly called Forsake Me Not - and here I was, "the new kid on the block," being put in charge.

Fifteen years later, as I hand over to the new team of Judy Aminoff and Ilie Feldman, I think of the interesting and sometimes exciting times I have been through and the wonderful people it has been my good fortune to meet.

Firstly, there are you, our wonderful readers, who come through year after year with donations large and small, and who always rise to the occasion when problems are put before you.

When the Russian and Ethiopian aliyot took place in the late Eighties and we started the Welcome Home Fund, you arranged synagogue and home collections, children sent money from their bar-and-bat-mitzva gifts, and hundreds dug deeper into their pockets to help. When the Jerusalem Forest Fund was launched after the devastating fire of 1995, you came through with the money to rebuild; we have just replanted some of the destroyed area.



Beverlee Black with TV personality Danny Roup in January 1994, at a fashion show in aid of The Jerusalem Post Funds.

Then I remember, with great happiness, our Pessah Handicrafts Fairs - especially the first one we held on that joyous evening 12 years ago at the Ramada Hotel. It was so crowded that even Teddy Kollek couldn't get in.

Thank you, all of you. Keep up

the good work.

I also want to thank the social workers, through whom we distribute nearly all your contributions. The social workers are there in the front line against poverty - physical, emotional and cultural. They come to us for help for children who are without school

books and winter clothing, for families with no money for dental treatment, for help for old folk living alone, who have no money for heating and, in many cases, no nourishing food.

Over the past years, with your help, we have assisted scores and scores of new immigrants attend university, and for this they are ever grateful.

Last but not least, I have fond memories of the thousands of people we have been able to help - from the children of Kiryat Shmona living in bomb shelters for days on end during the Grapes of Wrath shelling to the lady of 92 in Jerusalem's Bukharan Quarter, who kissed me for five minutes on end after we brought her a heater so she could face the winter with a little warmth.

I could continue with hundreds of other stories - from very grateful people who scribble "thank you, thank you, thank you," on scraps of paper and somehow send them to our office, to little children who send us drawings made with crayons "we have given them."

As I take leave of what has been a wonderful 15 years, all I want to say is, "Toda raba, and keep the money rollin'." Our job is nowhere near finished.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the commemorative dinner we are holding at the Bible Lands Museum on Tuesday, November 17 to celebrate the Toy Fund's 50th anniversary.

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'Football Plus' channel makes its mark

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

In the middle of Israel's hot and steamy summer a new sports channel has emerged and looks like changing the viewing habits of local sports fans.

"Football Plus" which is owned by businessman Fani Zehavi, and currently broadcasts on METV (cable Channel 24) owns the broadcasting rights in Israel for Europe's top football leagues: England's Premier League and Italy's Serie A.

Zehavi, who created the new channel ahead of the DBS (Direct Broadcasting Services) revolution which will doubtless take Israel by storm in the coming year, has also managed to snatch the exclusive rights for Israel's top football sides, Maccabi Haifa and Beitar Jerusalem in their European campaign.

The progress of both teams on the European circuit led to a "show-down" at Monte Carlo between Zehavi's channel and cable TV's Channel 5. Zehavi secured the rights for Beitar Jerusalem's encounter with Glasgow Rangers (Tuesday 15.9), and for Maccabi Haifa's clash with

Paris St. Germain (Thursday 17.9). The battle over the Israeli sports viewer doesn't only take place on the TV screen, as a dispute between the two channels over the rights to show the Spanish league has reached the courts.

Zehavi has been reported in the Israeli media to have sued Channel 5 for \$8 million after an agreement between both channels was allegedly breached.

"Football Plus" also registered a first with Israeli sports fans with a "Meet the press"-style program on the domestic soccer scene on Saturday night.

The program is a dynamic confrontation talk show which brings news updates as well as post-mortem analysis of the weekend's action. The tone is set by leading soccer pundit Avi Ratzon.

Channel 24, which airs live NFL games in time slots which are not a part of "Soccer Plus's" schedule, shows live and recorded soccer games on weekdays. It looks set to become Israel's leading sports channel and also hopes to secure a contract to show NBA games this season.

Haifa plays Jerusalem in National League

By ORI LEWIS

National League soccer resumes after a week's break this weekend with the most intriguing match of the round taking place at Kiryat Eliezer where Maccabi Haifa host Beitar Jerusalem at 17:30.

Neither club has managed to impress in the two league outings to date and this will also be both sides' last chance to get real match practice before their respective European cup fixtures in midweek.

Haifa were very disappointing on Wednesday in the goalless Haifa derby against Hapoel. They will have to do better for their match in Paris on Thursday against Paris St. Germain as will Beitar, who have won once and drawn once in the league. They host Glasgow Rangers on Tuesday.

The other main clash, league leaders Hapoel Jerusalem host

Hapoel Haifa at Teddy Stadium tomorrow at 15:30.

Tomorrow's other fixtures: Ironi Ashdod v. Bnei Yehuda 17:30, Maccabi Petah Tikva v. Hapoel Kfar Sava 15:30, Ironi Rishon v. Maccabi Tel Aviv 16:30, Zefirim Holon v. Hapoel Petah Tikva 15:30, Maccabi Herzliya v. Maccabi Jaffa 18:00.

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